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## Thoroughbreds

By Salvator

### Prospectus Of Stake Races Grows Ever Longer Until Race Day Melts Entries

That sweetly sentimental song beloved of our ancestors in the days of crinoline and choker-cravats, "One by One the Roses Fall," just slightly transposed, applies all-too-often to the fields of race horses nominated for important stake events.

As originally published, the list will look, in the vernacular, "like a million dollars." The constellation of cracks is dazzling. The impassioned publicity promoters indite dithyrambic "releases" devoted to them, with which the sporting editors are favored, regardless of manifolding or postage costs.

If the entire country is not made wise to the fact that the Race of the Century is at hand, it is not the fault of the purveyors of information please. And then, about the time the next payment is made, blow-holes begin to pop up in the prospectus.

For various reasons, either meticulously explained or else entirely inexplicable, a bunch of the most fancied candidates have been declared.

The weeks pass and with each one the news from the training camps is that this, that or the other hero or heroine in the upper brackets of the weights, is so backward in its training and it is doubtful if he can be got ready by the date of the contest.

Or, he pulled up a trifle sore the  
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### Carolina Meetings Combine Resources In \$3,000 Purse

A parallel to the successful course taken by the big tracks in 1940, when the maiden subscription steeplechase stakes were inaugurated, the Carolina hunt meetings, commencing on March 15, at Southern Pines, and followed by Aiken's fixture on March 22, and the Carolina Cup races on March 29, have announced "The Carolina Serial Steeplechases" for maidens, over 2 miles of brush. Subscriptions of \$75 will enable owners to start maiden brush horses at all three meetings, and to compete for \$3,000 in purse money, in three separate \$1,000 races.

The primary purpose of these serial maiden events is, of course, to promote owner interest in steeplechasing. In these three well known hunt meetings that are combining efforts to encourage owners, three splendid steeplechases for young horses will be carded, tending to

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### Official Publication

Following a meeting of the executive committee of the Masters of Foxhounds Association in the Henry Vaughan Memorial Room of the Brook Club, Thursday, January 30, and a meeting of the Masters of Foxhounds Association at the Union Club, Friday, January 31, The Chronicle was made the "Official Publication of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America."

### Favorsome Repeats At Agua Caliente In Good & Plenty

#### Canadian 'Chaser Defeats All Winners Of Baja Jockey Club's Former Brush Events

Agua Caliente steeplechase followers, who had reckoned without the Canadian invader, **Favorsome**, were sufficiently surprised at his sweeping triumph in the Riviera Steeplechase on January 23, but they were even more amazed to see the **Somers Heir—Favorite** gelding repeat his performance in so decisive a fashion last Sunday, February 2, in the Good And Plenty Handicap. This time the field numbered all three winners of the Baja California Jockey Club's earlier brush events, including Otay Stable's **Farragut**, winner of the Battleship Handicap and Robert Ritcor's **Yammer**, winner of the El Primero Handicap, and as **Favorsome** showed the way home to these worthies, he shaved all of 13 and 2-5 seconds off the track record, accomplishing the "about two

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### Foxhunters Gather For Hound Show In New York Riding And Polo Club

#### Mrs. William duPont, Jr.'s Foxcatcher Beagles Outstanding Among 5 Packs

By R. P. W. HARRISON

"The Merry Little Hounds" were capably judged this year by Dean Bedford, master of the Pemberton Beagles, from Fallston, Maryland. Although the entry was not large, many of the best pack hounds of the east were exhibited; and that which was lacking in quantity was most certainly made up in quality.

The Foxcatcher, the Vernon Somerset, the Readington Foot, the Buckram, and the Nantucket Harriers were the 5 packs from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts which brought hounds to the New York Show this year. Three of the 5 packs listed carried away blue ribbons. Of the 21 classes for beagles, 3 failed to fill at all, and 3 more received only 1 or 2 entries. All but one of these disappointingly light classes were in the 13 inch division in which hounds were shown in the interests of but 2 packs.

Mrs. William duPont, Jr.'s world famous Foxcatcher Beagles of Newtown Square, Penna., were awarded the large majority of New York's major beagle honors. Shown in both 13 and 15 inch divisions, hounds from the Foxcatcher pack won 13 of the 18 beagle classes, scoring a greater winning average than at Bryn Mawr last fall. Foxcatcher's total awards numbered 10 blues, 3 reds, 8 thirds, 3 championship ribbons, and 2 reserve ribbons. The Vernon Somerset Beagles of Peapack, New Jersey, noted for their

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#### Millbrook Hunt Awarded First In Pack Class For American Hounds

The United States' greatness was due to the pioneer spirit enduring hardships, braving the elements, etc. It was, therefore, a happy if strenuous circumstance which sent the historic New York Hound Show back from the comparatively effete warmth of the Squadron A Armory to the rigors of our first love, the old Riding Club. Tarnished a bit, perhaps, from the old bull market days, hounds and exhibitors both felt a wee bit of nostalgia which perhaps caused the scattered sniffs of hound and human rather than the Spell of the Yukon temperatures. However, the whole country is tending to get too soft and it was just as well that the hunting fraternity could again fight the elements with the help of artics and the refreshments on the second floor.

With Mr. Wadsworth Howard and his committee functioning in their usually efficient manner, the show ran off with comparative dispatch. In fact, at times it threatened to get ahead of schedule, and here is where a point comes in that is not generally considered. If a hound show merely started at a set hour and went on through until, say, 12:30, and then started again at 1:30, the whole programme might be speeded up, and a precious hour or two cut off the long, exhausting day, so as to give hunt servants a better start for home, and masters a chance for a

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### 160 Thoroughbreds Train In Aiken With 90 In Work For Steeplechases

Some 160 thoroughbreds are in winter training in Aiken, S. C., these days, with fully 90 primarily preparing for steeplechasing. Ideal conditions have prevailed since late November, enabling 'chasing owners-trainers, Warner Baltazzi, George H. Boswick, Thomas Hitchcock, Sr., and trainers, J. "Barney" Balding, Oleg Dubassoff and Raymond G. Woolfe to have horses well advanced.

Mr. Hitchcock's string, numbering 28, including yearling prospects, is of the customary class and quality of former years and shows great promise that this dean of steeplechasing will again be breaking out some top horses this season. Nine are with him in Aiken, the balance of 19 are down on his farm, some dozen miles

away. These horses on the farm are never let completely down and have been in steady work since last fall.

The one time that Hitchcock horses on the farm are idle is when grief comes through sickness or injury. **\*Annibal** is the lone campaigner not in work there now. Others including **Satilla**, **Notley**, **\*Eran de Perse**, **Naruna**, and others are breezing one day, 3-8's of a mile and schooling over four fences, 1-4 of a mile, the next.

Among Mr. Hitchcock's young horses showing exceeding form are **Lechblade**, **Elkridge**, **Lagoon**, **Bath**, **Bridlespur** and **Fairfax**.

Mr. Boswick's champion 'chaser,  
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### Radnor To Present All Race Proceeds To British Benefit

The Radnor Hunt Race Association is the first to go on record, as contributing the entire net proceeds of the meeting to the British War Relief. The Radnor Meeting will be held as usual over the nationally famous Chesterbrook Farms course, Wednesday, May 7 and Saturday, May 10, according to William C. Hunneman, Jr., Chairman of the Race Committee.

The features will be the National Hunt Cup and the Radnor Hunt Cup, to be run on Wednesday and Saturday respectively, with the same purses sustained as last year and attending festivities, which will culminate with the Radnor Hunt Ball on Saturday night.

In consideration of the fact that many of the country's leading gentlemen riders will be inducted into the services of the United States by this time, the Radnor Association, Continued on Page Four

# The Horseman's News

## Dispose Disposes Of 3-Year-Olds In Bahamas

### King Ranch's Son Of Discovery Takes One Fifth Of Second Off Hialeah Record

King Ranch's **Dispose** did a handsome job in disposing of a reputable field of 3-year-olds in the Bahamas Handicap at Hialeah last Saturday, and it was in no uncertain terms, for the **Discovery**—**Swiftly** colt sped the 7 furlongs in 1.22 2-5 to reduce the track record by one-fifth of a second. Moreover, the young son of Maryland's great stakes winner led from start to finish under his 118 pounds, the most he has yet carried, and made good his victory by two full lengths as he drew away from **Coldstream**'s good colt, **Curious Coin** and some thirteen others. Also in the field was Francis Buchanan's Hialeah Stake winner, **Zacatine**, who thus experienced his first defeat in his past seven starts. In shaving that scant margin from the Miami track's record, which had stood for four years, **Dispose** came within two-fifths of a second of the National record, held jointly by **Clang** (1935) and **Roseben** (1906).

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### Eight Hunts Enter Panelling Fund Benefit 'Chase'

Eight Recognized Hunts have already subscribed to the \$1,000 Hunt Panelling Fund Benefit Purse for the Belmont Memorial National Hunter Championship Steeplechase to be run on April 12 at the Middleburg Hunt Race Meeting. They are Montpelier, (Va.), Brandywine, (Pa.), Bath County (Va.), Farmington (Va.), Chestnut Ridge, (Pa.), Orange County (Va.), Old Dominion (Va.) and Middleburg (Va.) Hunts have forwarded \$10 subscriptions to Miss Laura Sprague, secretary of the Belmont Hunter Championship purse.

Masters of Potomac (Md.), Farmington (Va.) and Blue Ridge (Va.) Hunts have also signified intentions of making subscriptions to the purse. Daniel C. Sands, Middleburg, M. F. H., and Racing Secretary found extreme interest in the event by those in attendance at the annual Masters of Foxhounds Ass'n. meeting held last Friday, January 31 in New York. On his return to Middleburg, Mr. Sands stated that a number of other masters had expressed enthusiasm and intention of giving backing to the race.

a few records himself, in fact held two world's records for a spell. When he broke the track record for a mile and 1-8 at Aqueduct, which he still holds along with **Cravat**, his Brooklyn Handicap mark of 1.48 1-5 was then the world's record for the distance. He also set a new world's record for a mile and 3-16 when he won the 1934 Rhode Island Handicap in 1.55. This stood till the fall of 1939, when **Challenden** clipped two-fifths off it at Keeneland. He still holds the Arlington Handicap of 1935.

King Ranch gave \$7,500 for **Dispose** when they got him from the Mereworth consignment to the 1939 Saratoga Sales. A goodly portion of that purchase price was restored by his victory on Saturday, which netted him \$5,290. As a 2-year-old, **Dispose** started five times, won two races.

Neil McCarthy's Virginia-bred filly **Augury** added another \$3,825 to her mounting earnings when she plowed through heavy going at Golden Gate to win that track's opening day co-feature, the Albany Handicap, last Saturday, February 1. It was **Augury**'s second straight triumph, following as it did, her defeat of **Kayak II** at Santa Anita two weeks earlier, and showed the daughter of **Happy Argo**—**Minnant** to be far and away the class of the small field, as she won easily from C. T. Williams' **Stagefright**, C. S. Howard's stake winner, **COUNT D'OR** and others. Her share of the Albany purse brings the 4-year-old **Augury**'s total winnings to somewhat more than \$35,000.

The following list contains all winners by sires from eastern states which have scored during the past seven days, from Wednesday, January 26, through Tuesday, February 4.

**CONSTITUTION** (Pa.)  
Gowanus, 9, b. g. (Castilla, by Nasco)  
Hn., Jan. 30, 1 mi., 60 yds., cl.  
1:14 2-5      \$ 300  
**DISCOVERY** (Md.)  
Dispose, 3, b. c. (Swiftly, by Swift and Sure), Hn., Feb. 1, 2 f., Bahamas  
'Cap., 1:22 2-5 (trk record)      \$ 5,290

**ESPINO** (Va.)  
Transfigure, 3, b. c. (Glorify, by Sun Flag), SA., Jan. 29, 1 mi., mdns., allow.  
1:38      \$ 1,000

**Wee Scot**, 3, b. f., (Sunny Lassie, by Sun Flag), Ha., Jan. 29, 6 f., cl., 1:12 1-5      \$ 1,000

**\*GINO** (Va.)  
Madigama, 3, dk. b. g. (Sun Dancer, by "Sun Briar"), SA., Feb. 1, 6 f., allow.  
1:10 4-5      \$ 1,000

**\*HAPPY ARGO** (Va.)  
Augury, 4, b. f. (Minnant, by Pennant),  
GG., Feb. 1, 6 f., Albany Handicap.  
1:17 3-5      \$ 3,825

**JACK HIGH** (N. J.)  
Fogoso, 6, ch. g. (Paloma, by Golden Sun), SA., Feb. 1, 6 f., cl., 1:11 2-5      \$ 1,000

**\*KANTAR** (Md.)  
Kickshaw, 4, b. c. (Toystime, by Happy Time),  
AgC., Feb. 2, 1 1-16 mi., cl., 1:47      \$ 350

**LUCULLITE** (Va.)  
Riccadonna, 6, b. m. (Mabel A., by Ballot),  
Hn., Jan. 31, 1½ mi., cl., 1:52      \$ 850

**MOWLEE** (Va.)  
English Harry, 6, b. g. (Honesty, by MacKenzie), Hn., Feb. 1, 1½ mi., cl.,  
2:38 2-5      \$ 850

**MUD** (Pa.)  
Cloudy Weather, 7, ch. g. (Just by Dalhouse), GG., Feb. 1, 6 f., cl., 1:18 1-5      \$ 850

**NEDDIE** (N. J.)  
Alned, 3, ch. g. (Sun Biju, by "Sun Briar"), Hn., Jan. 31, 1½ mi., cl., 1:25      \$ 950

**Sister Reigh**, 5, blk. f. (Dark Convent, by "Traumer"), Ha., Jan. 30, 6 f., cl., 1:13      \$ 300

**TROJAN** (Md.)  
Titanical, 6, ch. g. (Prodigious, by Fayette), Ha., Feb. 1, 6 f., cl., 1:15      \$ 100

**WAR WHOOP** (Va.)  
Son of War, 4, br. c. (Maid of Mars, by McKinley), SA., Jan. 29, 1 1-16 mi.,  
allow., 1:44 3-5      \$ 1,800

**WHISKAWAY** (Va.)  
Grace Whisk, 5, b. f. (Grace King, by Judge Wright), Ha., Jan. 29, 6 f., cl.,

**PILATE** (Va.)  
Pair of Dice, 4, ch. g. (Carnival Queen, by "Donnacona"), Hn., Jan. 29, 6½ f.,  
mdns., cl., 1:19 3-5      \$ 850

**\*QUATAE BRASS II**  
Quaker Brass 4, b. g. (Mormaw, by Fair Play),  
Hn., Feb. 3, 1 3-16 mi., cl., 1:59 3-5      \$ 850

**ROCKMINISTER** (Va.)  
East Liberty, 5, ch. g. (Waybill, by "Waygood"),  
AgC., Feb. 3, 1 3-16 mi., cl., 1:44 2-5      \$ 625

**\*SIR GREYSTEEL** (Md.)  
White Hot, 7, ch. g. (Miss White, by Cicero), Hn., Jan. 30, 1 3-16 mi., cl.,  
1:58      \$ 850

**\*TEDDY** (Va.)  
Greeny, 5, br. m. (Green Girl, by John P. Grier), Hn., Feb. 4, 6 f., cl., 1:11 1-5      \$ 850

**TIME MAKER** (Va.)  
Rock Maker, 5, dk. b. g. (Lady Rockingham, by Trap Rock), Hn., Jan. 31, 7 f.,  
cl., 1:25      \$ 850

**West Acre**, 5, b. g. (Mainsheet, by Fair Play), SA., Feb. 1, 1½ mi., cl., 2:33 1-5      \$ 1,000

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# Hunting Notes:-



## New Year's Day

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### Gentlemen:

Mr. W. J. Clothier, M. F. H., has asked me to comply with your request for an account of Pickering's New Year's Day Hunt. I accepted this unwonted task with much pleasure, although with an equal measure of diffidence, as it was obvious that such a superb theme merited the offices of literary talents of the highest order. However, I consoled myself with the thought that to the true lover of foxhunting, a tale of horse and hounds and fox away, however unadorned, is instinct with the thrills of the chase, of galloping hoofs, of royal music, of mighty leaps and valiant fox and that such readers are, in a sense, their own artists and poets.

With this in mind, and cautious also of trespassing on the space and patience of The Chronicle, I have attempted to set down in meagre detail, and without literary flourish, the stirring events of that remarkable day. I have corroborated this report with Eddie Mooney, the huntsman, and am much indebted to his keen observation and tenacious memory for the correction of some inaccuracies and for many supplementary details.

Very truly yours,  
JOHN BARNES MULL.

The New Year's Day Hunt added a new and glorious chapter to Pickering's history and to the distinguished annals of foxhunting in Chester County. Blessed with perfect going, fox and hounds covered a distance of 26½ miles and established a 12-mile point on a day when many of the other hunt clubs in neighboring countries reported discouraging results of the day's sport. Hounds raced deep into Pickering's northern country, flew south to the meeting place, detoured west for a short point, thence east 9 miles through the heart of the Kennel country. The gallant pilot was viewed away in the gathering dusk as hounds were whipped off, nearly in sight of the brush, after nearly five hours of almost unchecked pursuit.

The meet was scheduled for Kimberton Farms in Pickering's upper country at eleven o'clock. But, it had been meet to celebrate with the First City Troop at a Ball, the evening before, for the debutante daughters of the master and the president during the transition to the New Year, so that it was nearly 11:30 before the huntsman, (incidentally, trainer of *Henchman*), Eddie Mooney, had his hounds, and the master

had his field settled to the business of the day. By this time an excellent representation of the Club's beauty, (in black), and chivalry, (in pink), had assembled, as well as an imposing array of the agricultural auxiliary, both horse and motor-borne, and on foot. The weather was fair with the temperature about 45 degrees.

The first several coverts, east, were drawn blank and it was not until 12:15, when Eddie cast hounds in the Mosteller Swamp, just west of the Janney stable, that a welcome burst of music proclaimed the fox was afoot. Hounds settled quickly on the line and led a furious pace east over the big upstanding fences of the Janney pasturelands. Thence the course lay northward past the Chestnut Grove School, along the French Creek and on into Beaver Hill. Here the remains of a concrete flight of steps was negotiated, followed by a dash down the wooded hillside and a sheer drop of 5 feet onto the Birchrunville Road. A dash across a field and a splash in Birch Run was followed by mile-long Sheep Hill. This was a real test of condition and resulted in some striking alterations in the manner and order of precedence of the field.

The fox was driving toward Pugh-town and hunting in the forest rides was entirely by ear. On Sandy Hill, however, he made his point one mile short of that village and, still very much in haste, doubled south and presently joined his outward line in Beaver Hill. Out in the open again hounds came to their noses in a wheatfield near the Beaver Hill cross-roads. It was the first and a welcome check. Girths and flasks were hurriedly loosed. But not for long; Eddie's forward cast across the hard road in the plough on the Markley Farm was right, and hounds carried a wavering trail, retracing the original line to the Flatwoods on the Janney Farm. Hounds burst the fox from the Flatwoods and he flew, all out, due west, past the home covert in Mosteller's swamp, where he was first found, thru Elmer Miller's farm to West Vincent's Church and on into Parker Hill.

Here it was thought the doughty sportsman might call it a day and retire into one of Parker's innumerable rocky havens; and some of the more pessimistic in the field pulled out. However, hounds, though once at fault in the deep woods, were pressing steadily on and the pilot doubled back in a wide, right-hand loop, broke cover and set a straight-edged course for a nine-mile dash into the east.

Taking Spring Hill in stride with hounds in full cry over this lovely country, the fox crossed the railroad, then Route 113; turned by dogs in the swamp, he crossed Pickering Creek, followed close along its right bank for a mile, then re-crossed the creek into the L-shaped

Woods; thence his course was by Campbell's Orchard to Phoenix Hill on the Foster estate.

The field lost ground when it checked at the hard road to view the Irish setters out of the swamp through which the pack had just passed; and it meant a hard gallop, up the macadam to skirt wire, then left-handed, thru the Pickering Creek; and a scramble up the steep hill beyond to come to terms with hounds again in Phoenix Hill.

Hounds were momentarily at fault on the Fisher farm, where a motorcade of followers on Charlestown Road had turned this red flash; but, unassisted they found the line and carried it forward to the pine-tree nursery beyond Broadwater farm. The field, after some slight adventures with wire at the check, paused to watch hounds drive their fox from the pines. "Big Red's" gait was easy, if hurried, as he was viewed along the overgrown lane down the east slope of the hillside toward Pickering Dam and Route 29.

At this point, the farmer contingent turned homeward, whilst the field was forced to detour left-handed around wire and the dam, then right-handed for half a mile along Route 29. This was followed by a heartbreaking pull for fast-tiring horses up the steep slope of the Ice Dam Woods Hill, and hounds were now a far cry in the distance, driving across the Rees farm and Dan Donoghue's place for Diamond Rock Hill. Now within three miles of kennels and stables, Mrs. Yarnall, Miss Cover, Miss Schroeder and Dr. Owen pulled out; but the master, with three of the field remaining, continued, more slowly now, through the woodland rides on the south slope of Diamond Rock; and, finally, bearing right-handed, found themselves on the Yellow Spring Road near the Liggett Farms. Hounds could be heard and were presently seen coursing through the rolling pasturelands of Chesterbrook Farms. Whilst huntsman and master paused to be sure of the line, the red fury circled west, then north over the Radnor Hunt race course; and, finally, pas-

sed in full view over the hard road within 50 feet of the field, speeding toward the hospitable shelter of Diamond Rock once more. An enthusiastic salute was accorded this heroic champion as he disappeared into the twilight. The pack now less than a field from his mask were intercepted and the master led a jubilant, if weary procession, to the stables.

Those who finished the day besides the master and staff were: Miss Ruth Brainerd on *Ballytore*; Miss Esther Dodge (15 years old) on *Trim*; and the writer on *Salt Dome*. Mr. Clothier rode that big, little grey, *Briarwood*.

**BOX SCORE:** Meeting: Kimberton Farms; Master: William J. Clothier; Huntsman: Edward Mooney on *Stony Point*; Whippers-in: Albert Adams on *Dark Nite*, Billy Mooney on *Memories*; Hounds 22 couple; Field: 20; Weather: fair; Temperature: 45 degrees; Going fast; Scent: consistent; Checks: 2; Points: 3; Longest point: 12 miles; Distance covered by hounds: 26½ miles; Distance covered by field: 30 miles; Spills: none; Rail broken: one—by the writer.—John Barnes Mull

### ROSE TREE FOX HUNTING CLUB

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On Monday, January twenty-sixth, hounds did not go out as the weather was indulging in one of its "high fantastical" trilogies of rain and sleet and snow.

Tuesday, at one thirty, hounds coasted forth from the Kennels across the snow and slid through the various coverts in Dr. Hutchinson's meadows and thence to Allen's Hollow. But, as the snow was smooth and untouched around the fox den there, Mr. Kerr decided hounds and humans were both wasting time and, therefore, hied himself and his precious hounds back to the Kennels.

Thursday, at one thirty, hounds met at Mr. Jeffords' Gate. As horses in the wake of hounds ploughed through snow from Harvey Yarnall's

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## Vernon Somerset Closes Season With Fine Day

### R. V. N. Gambrill's Beagles Hunt Hare For Two Hours In Seven Mile Run

BY ELIZABETH HARDWICKE

R. V. N. Gambrill's Vernon Somerset Beagles finished a season of excellent sport Sunday, February 2, with one of the most interesting runs of the year. The fixture was the Essex Hunt Club, the time 2:30, the day mild and cloudy with four or five inches of snow on the ground and only a slight thaw.

The hare got up at ten minutes of three on the hill west of Reginald Rives' house and was hunted with great keenness and determination on the part of hounds until five, when the scent became poor. It was a slow, steady run in a big circle of about seven miles.

Heading due west after she was

#### Camden Hunting

Camden Hounds have been given the winter colonists sport this season, Mr. Dwight Partridge and Mrs. David R. Williams are joint-masters. Hounds were out on Monday. Mrs. Granger Gaither and daughter, Peggy Wing, were out hacking, when suddenly they heard hounds as they stood in the infield of the big training track there watching Mr. Gaither and his second string of chasers who had had out that morning. "Granger," said Mrs. Gaither listening to hounds, "Did you forget to give me a message?" "No dear" was the reply. "I didn't know hounds were going out," and Mrs. Gaither and Peggy were off at a gallop to get in on the sport.

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found, the hare turned sharply just before she reached Hamilton Farms. Against the background of snow she could be seen clearly three fields away taking a leisurely course into the pine trees by Frank Johnson's house. Hounds worked slowly through Mr. Johnson's place and the Anderson Fowler fields, then, crossing the road below Louis Starr's drive, they owned their line in a burst and ran hard through the Kinneauts' and Miss Emily Stevens' straight over through the Gibbs' to the Bedminster Road. After a short check, hounds picked up the fading scent and went on slowly, but steadily past Miss Stevens' hay barracks to the E. W. Clucas farm barns. Here they seemed to have lost, but a few minutes' casting found the line below the Howards', and hounds were able to work it back toward Shelton Martin's and north to David Pyle's exercising track, where scent disappeared altogether.

A worthy climax to an unusually fine season of hunting—was the unanimous opinion of the forty followers who trudged wearily back to tea at the Hunt Club.

Filling their regular posts with their usual efficiency were Mrs. Wesley Trimp, mounted whipper-in, and Louis Starr and Mr. Potter, who whipped in on foot.

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## TRAINING IN AIKEN

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COTTESMORE, is to start regular work this week. He is carrying splendid weight, appearing to have enjoyed his recess, and should train to his usual big self. Mr. Bostwick anticipates riding him himself this spring. The Bostwick string includes young prospects headed by an outstanding looking 2-year-old, Bisbee, son of Sun Beau.

Mr. Dubassoff has a string of 15 horses, representing 7 owners. Harry Worcester Smith has his Stover with Mr. Dubassoff. This son of Espino, a hunter Mr. Smith once advertised as a "\$10,000 Steeplechase Prospect" has been in Mr. Dubassoff's hands since last August at Saratoga. He has been going along slowly with the ex-hunter, with hopes of getting him to the races early this spring.

Two outstanding stakes winners are in the Dubassoff string. \*Dolly's Love and \*Ossabaw. E. B. Schely, owner of \*Dolly's Love, also has the imported horses Chaloner, Frederic and Paris. Robert H. Lehman has \*Gulliver II and \*Didor with Mr. Dubassoff, and W. S. Farish, Standard Oil head, is a new owner, with four youngsters heading for flat efforts before turning to fences.

Louis Stoddard, Jr., owner-trainer, is busy these early mornings, with his contract rider, Jockey Frank Slate. The Stoddard string number 8, and has the veterans Strawboss, Mesa Rica, Star Bramble, \*Milano, Deserter and others. Scout Whistle is a fine, young prospect.

Raymond Woolfe has 9 horses in work, headed by the useful Parma, owned by L. W. Robinson Jr., and Holmdel Stables' \*Cartermoor. Alvin A. Untermyer's Illuminator and Pharaabang are showing rare talent, getting steeplechasing training. Both are recent conformation hunters from the show ring, the former the National Horse Show champion of 1939. Mr. Untermyer also has Sky Flyer in training.

Mr. Balding has a string of 10 chasers owned by John Hay Whitney, headed by the good stake winner Massa. Mr. Baltazzi has 6 horses in training, with Ab Lib, winner of the National Cup and Cody at work to run over jumps.

## Thoroughbreds

By Salvator

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last time out and will be stopped in his work pending complete veterinary diagnosis.

Or, a distant attitude toward the feed-box has been developed and until his former friendliness for his oats is reinstated he will do only light gallops.

Or, he bruised a foot, or cuffed a shin, or wrenches an ankle in his recent sensational trial and is on the shelf until it can be mended.

Or, when he was started in an over-night purse day-before-yesterday and should have walked in, he finished outside the money, displaying a form (or the lack of it) that has sent his odds from eight to 25 to 1.

Or, which is a more polite and elegant way of doing things, as his owner has just discovered that he himself, owing to all-important business affairs will be unable to come on from somewhere 3,600 miles away to witness his effort, he has ordered his preparation stopped.

Or, which is slightly less Belgravian but always appeals to those sympathetic with the wronged and mistreated—after fully considering the matter, he (the owner) is convinced that the package handed his steed is (as he stated when it was announced originally) grossly unfair and tantamount to reading him out of the contest in advance, he simply will not accept it.

Or-or-or-on and on and on through an interminable list of alternate very best reasons in the world, the minus quantities are turned in—or is it out?

By this time that original list resembles the biblical garment that the moths got at—not only has it shrunk to a mere suggestion of its pristine self, what is left of it causes the sponsors to shed tears into their handkerchiefs (not the one so carefully adjusted in their outside breast-pockets for ornamental

purposes, but the more bourgeois articles secreted elsewhere about their persons for every-day use) and adjur the heavens in dramatic tones as to whether some jinx is not working overtime to completely ruin their grand, historic event?

What looked, in the beginning like at least twenty-five genuine flyers parading to the post, has dwindled to less than half that many—or mayhap, not much more than half of that! Moreover—

The Race of the Century, it is now remorselessly revealed, will be lucky if it has as much as a couple of real cracks, two or three near-cracks and a chorus of near-platers to support them to make up its cast of characters.

As the Good Book saith, "Man proposes," etc., etc. While as another authority not so sanctified but, on the whole, quite reliable in ordinary and extraordinary affairs alike, "Sheol is paved with good intentions." Everybody has done his best, and mostly they did noble. But that jinx is sure a bad one and it's got 'em down.

And then, just as likely—lo and behold!

Race day comes—and the crowds that jam the entire enclosure fracture all known attendance records, the "play" almost fractures the machines that it goes through, and though in advance the result looked like a jog for UNBEATABLE, if he was totting all that bundle, it resolves itself into a three-heads finish so thrilling that fair ladies faint or call in anguished tones for cocktails, while brave men embrace each other publicly and throw the chromium fauteuils of the clubhouse through its plate-glass mirrors in the frenzy of their joy.

Once again the oldest and most impeccable adage of racing has been illustrated: the unexpected has happened and The Sport is Saved!

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## FOXHOUNDS

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leisurely, warm tub before their meeting.

For instance, if doghounds are through, go right ahead with the bitches. Several times when judges take so long on certain classes the ringside feels it is because it is a close decision, whereas in many cases it is merely instructions to kill time to fit a programme. Shows have to take up many hours at best and toward the end man and beast become pretty bored. Therefore, the quicker the judges can make their awards and let the class go, the more thankful all concerned are. The value of the horn blowing contest in such a crowded day is also questionable, coming as it does after the pack classes, somewhat as an anticlimax.

But now coming to the hounds. The standard thing is to say "best quality in years," "continual improvement," etc., etc., but that doesn't get us anywhere, and when the entries are a bit off in quality, it might as well be noted because all breeding cycles are liable to have off years. With the exception of the bassets, all hound divisions were not up to the best quality standards of recent years at New York and Bryn Mawr. However, from these respectful suggestions, let no reader think for a moment that the show was not only decidedly worthwhile, but one which with the traditions of the passing years, becomes more and more a place to meet old foxhunting friends, from north, south, east and west.

In the American classes the following were represented: Mrs. James Clark's, Essex, Fairfield County, Fairfield and Westchester, Millbrook, Spring Valley, Rombout and Newbold, Fairfield County FINDER '38, a white and tan hound was placed over Essex LAYMAN '40, an unentered hound with the pleasing English markings which is so prevalent in the Essex pack. Both hounds had plenty of bone, but the older hound was a bit better developed. In the bitches, Mr. Daniel C. Sands had little trouble in picking the Essex KINDLY '39 in the large entered bitch class, and with equal dispatch gave her the champion bitch over her unentered pack mate, LOTUS '40. KINDLY '39 carries the blood from hounds of two of America's leading hound men, being by Mr. Joe Thomas' TRUEBOY '33 out of Mr. Bywater's KATE '33. She is a very sound bitch, short coupled, good shoulders, white, with black and tan markings, and lightly ticked. She possesses astounding hindquarters, almost overdeveloped for her forequarters, but as the hindquarters are what gives the drive and propelling power, it is probably a good fault, if a fault.

Millbrook repeated its Bryn Mawr triumph by winning the pack class, and a very popular win it was. In fact, we all remember how for so many years their veteran master, Dr. Collins, was practically the whole Riding Club Show.

This year, for the first time in any hound show, English and cross-bred hounds were shown together, with hounds from the Fox River Valley, Meadow Brook, Rolling Rock, Spring Valley and Mr. Stewart's Cheshire. It was unfortunate that Meadow Brook did not have some of the outstanding individuals which in recent years have caused judges to say that Meadow Brook crossbred bitch would have beaten the English bitches and the same for some of their doghounds in their classes.

Cheshire WARRIOR '36 continu-

ed his triumphal career of Bryn Mawr triumphs by winning the champion English doghound cup with Rolling Rock's Cattistock ALTON '37 reserve. WARRIOR, Mr. Stewart considers as good a type hound as he ever raised in his kennels, which is about as strong a compliment as one could have for an English hound. WARRIOR has a beautiful balance, with great depth, and is well let down behind. In the bitches, Mr. Stewart's GUILTY '39, a daughter of WARRIOR, and a Bryn Mawr winner herself won the champion cup. Reserve went to her kennelmate, WISDOM '40, also by WARRIOR.

In the Welsh Hounds the following packs had entries: Infantry School Hunt, Myopia, Mr. Newbold Ely's and Whittemarsh Valley, Groton WEAVER, '36 winner last year, repeated by being placed best dog, and Shelburne GLIMMER '40, by GUARDIAN '35—RARITY '35 bred by the Shelburne Foxhounds, and presented by them to Newbold Ely, was adjudged the best bitch, as well as the best Welsh hound and the Welsh Challenge Cup, went to Mr. Ely's GAMESTER. The large size Harriers were monopolized by Monmouth County with their HAPPY '39 and COUNTESS '38 respectively winning best dog and best bitch.

The Bassets, as mentioned above, were very strong this year, and splendidly represented by the Bijoux, Brookdale and Stockford packs. Bijoux's imported Westerby VINTAGE '38 with great bone and substance, was the best dog, and their TURQUOISE '38 won the bitch cup, with Stockford winning the pack class.

## Summaries

## AMERICAN FOXHOUND—DOGS

Single Dog, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Layman, '39, Essex Hunt; 2. Gallant, '39, Millbrook Hunt; 3. Expert, '39, Millbrook Hunt. Couple of Dogs, Entered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Driver, '39 and Expert, '39, Millbrook Hunt; 2. Gallant, '39, and Gunner, '39, Millbrook Hunt.

Single Dog, Entered—1. Fairfield County Finder, '38, Fairfield County Hunt; 2. Millbrook Prince, '35, Millbrook Hunt; 3. Fairfield County Trusty, '38, Fairfield County.

Couple of Dogs, Entered—1. Fairfield County Finder, '38 and Fairfield County Mowbray, '36, Fairfield County Hunt; 2. Essex Helmet, '37 and Essex Hero, '37, Essex Hunt; 3. Millbrook Prince, '35 and Millbrook Tony, '39, Millbrook Hunt.

Stallion, certified to be the sire of living puppies—1. Essex Helmet, '37, Essex Hunt; 2. Essex Valiant, '39, Essex Hunt; 3. Fairfield County Traveller, '38, Fairfield County Hunt.

Two Couples of Dogs (any age)—1. Millbrook Jester, '37, Millbrook Lancer, '38, Millbrook Captain, '37, and Handsome, '39, Millbrook Hunt; 2. Essex Vanguard, '39, Essex Tackler, '37, Essex Talbot, '37 and Essex Diamond, '37, Essex Hunt; 3. Expert, '39, Driver, '39, Millbrook Prince, '38 and Millbrook Tony, '39, Millbrook.

Best Dog—Winner: Fairfield County Finder, '38, Fairfield Hunt; Reserve: Layman, '39, Essex Hunt.

## AMERICAN FOXHOUND—BITCHES

Single Bitch, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Lotus, '39, Essex Hunt; 2. Ruby, '39, Rombout Hunt; 3. Gypsy, '39, Millbrook Hunt.

Couple of Bitches, Entered—1. Lotus, '39 and Lapping, '39, Essex Hunt; 2. Romper, '39 and Ruby, '39, Rombout Hunt.

Couple of Bitches (any age)—1. Lapping, '39, Lotus, '39, Essex Truelass, '39, Essex Virgin, '39, Essex Hunt; 2. Gypsy, '39, Millbrook Melba, '37, Millbrook Melody, '37, and Millbrook Sally, '38, Millbrook Hunt; 3. Romper, '39, Ruby, '39, Rombout Clover, '39 and Honesty, '40, Rombout Hunt.

Best Bitch—Winner: Essex Kindly, '39, Essex Hunt; Reserve: Lapping, '39, Essex Hunt.

Best, either sex—Winner: Essex Kindly, '39, Essex Hunt.

## ENGLISH AND CROSS-BRED FOXHOUNDS—DOGS

Single Dog, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Whynot, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 2. Warlaby, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 3. Weathergage, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire.

Couple of Dogs, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Warlaby, '39 and Whynot, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 2. Worcester, '39 and Warrich, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 3. Rayman, '39 and Stafford, '39, Rolling Rock Hunt.

Single Dog, Entered—1. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 3. Ragman, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 2. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 2. Cattistock Alton, '37, Rolling Rock Hunt; 3. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Noble, '37, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire.

Couple of Dogs, Entered—1. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; '36 and Wonder, '38, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 2. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Gunner, '39 and Gulliver, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 3. Meadow Brook Goblin, '39 and

Grimstone, '39, Meadow Brook Hunt. Stallion, certified to be the sire of living puppies—1. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Warrior, '36, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 2. Cattistock Alton, '37, Rolling Rock Hunt; 3. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Noble, '37, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire.

Two Couples of Dogs (any age)—1. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Warrior, '36, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Wonder, '38, Warlaby, '39 and Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Gulliver, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 2. Whynot, '39, Warrior, '39, Worcester, '39 and Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Gunner, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 3. Stafford, '39, Rolling Rock Damper, '37, Rolling Rock Ranter, '37 and Rolling Rock Reaper, '37.

Best Dog—Winner: Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Warrior, '36, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Reserve Cattistock Alton, '37, Rolling Rock Hunt.

## ENGLISH AND CROSS-BRED FOXHOUNDS—BITCHES

Single Bitch, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Wisdom, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 2. Sarah, '39, Rolling Rock; 3. Wishful, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire.

Couple of Bitches, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Garland, '39 and Witchcraft, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 2. Mischief, '39 and Sarah, '39, Rolling Rock Hunt; 3. Pamela, '39 and Prim Rose, '39, Rolling Rock.

Single Bitch, Entered—1. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Guilty, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 2. Portman Alice, '36, Rolling Rock; 3. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Gullet, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire.

Couple of Bitches, Entered—1. Portman's Abbess, '36 and Rolling Rock Vanity, '39, Rolling Rock Hunt; 2. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Gullet, '39 and Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Rapid, '37, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 3. Rolling Rock Aimwell, '36 and Rolling Rock Artery, '39, Rolling Rock.

Brood Bitch—1. Portman Alice, '36, Rolling Rock; 2. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Willful, '36, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire.

Two Couples of Bitches (any age)—1. Portman's Abbess, '36, Rolling Rock Daffodil, '37, Rolling Rock Vanity, '39 and Rolling Rock Wenlock, '39, Rolling Rock Hunt; 2. Mischief, '39, Rolling Rock Artery, '39 and Woodland Pytchley Meddle, '36, Rolling Rock Hunt; 3. Garland, '39, Witchcraft, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Gullet, '39 and Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Rapid, '37, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire.

Best Bitch—Winner: Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Guilty, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; Reserve: Wisdom, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire.

## WELSH FOXHOUNDS—DOGS

Single Dog, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Dracula, '39, Mr. Newbold Ely's; 2. Dresser, '39, Infantry School; 3. Drexel, '39, Myopia Hunt.

Single Dog, Entered—1. Groton Weaver, '36, Groton Hunt; 2. Mr. Newbold Ely's Wheelwright, '39, Mr. Newbold Ely's; 3. Mr. Newbold Ely's Gamester, '39, Mr. Newbold Ely's.

Best Dog—Winner: Groton Weaver, '36, Groton Hunt; Reserve: Dracula, '39, Mr. Newbold Ely's.

## OPEN CLASSES FOR WELSH FOXHOUND BITCHES

Single Bitch, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Shelburne Glimmer, '39, Mr. Newbold Ely's; 2. Graceful, '39, Mr. Newbold Ely's.

Single Bitch, Entered—1. Mr. Newbold Ely's Whitecap, '39, Mr. Newbold Ely's; 2. White Marsh Valley Weary, '39, White Marsh Valley; 3. Mr. Newbold Ely's Wheezy, '39, Mr. Newbold Ely's.

Best Bitch—Winner: Shelburne Glimmer, '39, Mr. Newbold Ely's; Reserve: Mr. Newbold Ely's Whitecap, '39, Mr. Newbold Ely's.

Best, either sex—Winner: Mr. Newbold Ely's Gamester, '39, Mr. Newbold Ely's; Reserve: Graceful, '39, Mr. Newbold Ely's.

Best, either sex—Winner: Shelburne Glimmer, '39, Mr. Newbold Ely's; Reserve: Groton Weaver, '36, Groton Hunt.

## HARRIERS—DOGS

Single Dog, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Hunter, '39, Monmouth County; 2. Hotfoot, '39, Monmouth County; 3. Hammock, '39, Monmouth County.

Single Dog, Entered—1. Monmouth County Happy, '39, Monmouth County; 2. Mr. Reynal's Monarch, '34, Monmouth County; 3. Monmouth County Vulcan, '38, Monmouth County Hunt.

Best Dog—Winner: Monmouth County Happy, '39, Monmouth County; Reserve: Hunter, '39, Monmouth County.

## HARRIER BITCHES

Single Bitch, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Varnish, '36, Monmouth County; 2. Husky, '39, Monmouth County.

Single Bitch, Entered—1. Monmouth County Countess, '38, Monmouth County; 2. Monmouth County Hopeless, '39, Monmouth County; 3. Monmouth County Haarpin, '38, Monmouth County.

Best Bitch—Winner: Monmouth County Countess, '38, Monmouth County; Reserve: Varnish, '36, Monmouth County.

## AMERICAN HARRIERS—DOGS

Single Dog, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Speaker, '40, Nantucket; 2. Singer, '40, Nantucket; 3. Falcon, '39, Whiteoak.

Single Dog, Entered—1. Whiteoak Alfred, '36, Whiteoak; 2. Nantucket Spokesman, '35, Nantucket; 3. Whiteoak Searcher, '38, Whiteoak.

Best Dog—Winner: Speaker, '40, Nantucket; Reserve: Whiteoak Alfred, '36, Whiteoak.

## AMERICAN HARRIERS—BITCHES

Single Bitch, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Hurly, '39, Monmouth County; 2. Hurly, '39, Monmouth County.

Single Bitch, Entered—1. Monmouth County Vanity, '38, Monmouth County; 2. Nantucket Banshee, '39, Nantucket; 3. Whiteoak Amulet, '38, Whiteoak.

Best Bitch—Winner: Monmouth County Vanity, '38, Monmouth County; Reserve: Hurly, '39, Monmouth County.

## BASSET BITCHES

Single Dog, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Bloodstone, '40, Bijoux Hunt; 2. Lapis, '40, Bijoux; 3. Feldspar, '40, Bijoux Hunt.

Couple of Dogs, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Zircon, '40, and Willimite, '40, Bijoux Hunt.

Single Dog, Entered—1. Westerby Vintage, '38, Bijoux; 2. Bijou Rhinestone, '39, Bijoux; 3. Stockford Doctor, '37, Stockford.

Best Dog—Winner: Westerby Vintage, '38, Bijoux; Reserve: Bijou Rhinestone, '39, Bijoux.

dale Stanco Carleton, '40 and Brookdale Stanco Archie, '40, Brookdale.

Stallion, certified to be the sire of living puppies—1. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Warrior, '36, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 2. Cattistock Alton, '37, Rolling Rock Hunt; 3. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Noble, '37, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire.

Two Couples of Dogs (any age)—1. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Warrior, '36, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 2. Warlaby, '39, and Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Wonder, '38, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire; 3. Whynot, '39, Worcester, '39 and Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Gunner, '39, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire.

Best Dog—Winner: Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Warrior, '36, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Reserve Cattistock Alton, '37, Rolling Rock Hunt.

## ENGLISH AND CROSS-BRED FOXHOUNDS—BITCHES

Single Bitch, Unentered, Bred by Exhibitor—1. Rutile, '40, Bijoux; 2. Acqueraine, '39, Bijoux; 3. Stano Puss, '40, Brookdale.

Single Bitch, Entered—1. Brookdale Stanco Priscilla, '40, Brookdale; 2. Brookdale Stanco Priscilla, '40, Brookdale; 3. Bijou Amethyst, '39, Bijoux.

Brood Bitch, certified to be the dam of living puppies—1. Bijou Turquoise, '38, Bijoux; 2. Brookdale Stanco Weedy, '35, Brookdale; 3. Bijou Amethyst, '39, Bijoux.

Single Bitch, Entered—1. Bijou Turquoise, '38, Bijoux; 2. Brookdale Stanco Curate, '35, Brookdale; 3. Bijou Turquoise, '39, Bijoux.

Stallion, certified to be the sire of living puppies—1. Bijou Turquoise, '38, Bijoux; 2. Brookdale Stanco Curate, '35, Brookdale; 3. Bijou Turquoise, '39, Bijoux.

Single Bitch, Entered—1. Bijou Turquoise, '38, Bijoux; 2. Brookdale Stanco Curate, '35, Brookdale; 3. Bijou Turquoise, '39, Bijoux.

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## Notes From Great Britain

### War Has Brought Out Interest In Small Tracks As Owners Carry On Despite Small Purse

By J. FAIRFAX-BLAKEBOROUGH

Some of us have long insisted that all the sport and fun of racing is not confined to or centered at the big meetings. Some racegoers, who hitherto have thought of the Turf only in terms of Newmarket, York, Ascot, Goodwood, Liverpool, Cheltenham and so on, suddenly have discovered how wrong they have been and how much they have been missing. Fixtures like Southwell (pronounced Suth'ell, and thirteen miles from Nottingham), many treated almost with contempt and never dreamed of attending. Now they are very glad of the opportunity in view of the paucity of racing. "The regulars" now readily admit that these little courses have a character and a purpose which is an important link in the Turf chain. I recently have heard men who hitherto were all for centralization of racing, confess that they have quite changed their views and say, "It would be a great loss if these minor meetings dropped out. They are real good fun and mean much to local sportsmen and trainers, and keep alive the spirit of racing." I have known of many big gambles brought off at the smallest of the jumping fixtures—even at such places as Brocklesby, Rothbury and Kelso. The stakes may not be worth winning, but a pony planted with fifty different S. P. men, and a long-odds winner yields no inconsiderable return. I gather that such a COUP was attempted at the recent Southwell meeting but came unstuck despite the old saying, 'The bigger the field, the bigger the certainty'. They HAD big fields too. Southwell is not a wide track and they had 24 runners in one hurdle race and 20 in another. In neither was the favorite even placed. Southwell once was looked upon as a happy hunting ground for north country trainers, but at the recent meeting not one of the six races (none worth more than £80) fell to them. Not even the useful 'chaser The Professor II, with Gerry Wilson as pilot, could score. It is eloquent testimony to the determination of owners to carry on for sheer love of sport that there were 80 runners for prize money totalling only £480. It is a very moderate estimate that entrance fees, jockey's fees and other expenses in connection with running those 80 horses was more than £2,000. Now, on the face of it, that does not look a very sound bet, but, of course, such small stake money as that offered at Southwell is exceptional in England, though quite usual in Ireland. Almost half of the £480 would be provided by owners in entry fees, and one would like to see races of much more value. The executives of small meetings argue that they have not the capital to allow them to do this in view of the risk they run of bad weather and a poor crowd. To keep the winter sport going some of the prosperous meetings might follow the example of Ascot and make a grant to augment the prize money at such meetings as are able to carry on. Possibly the National Hunt Committee may be able to do something in this direction, as they have done in the past.

Despite the denial by the National

Greyhound Racing Club that well-bred yearling bloodstock has been bought for a few guineas to slaughter for greyhounds, it is a fact that a number of race horses and potential racehorses have been sent to foxhound and other kennels. The owners prefer to adopt this course rather than allow these animals to pass into the lowest ranks of equine slavery where they would possibly be over-worked, badly housed and underfed. This is the fate of many blood 'uns reared in luxury which are knocked down at race meetings for five or ten pounds. Some of them, of course, went to the Continent for human food, but that trade is now at a standstill. Lord Roseberry, the other day, urged those who had well-bred brood mares to stick to them and it is interesting to note that although the Aga Khan has sold all but one of his horses in training, he has not parted with any of his mares at stud. Thus, when racing again gets into full swing, he will be able soon to take up the threads of his prominent connection with the Turf.

English bloodstock breeders and racing men are taking a deep interest in the efforts which are being made in the U. S. A. to eliminate bad horses from the Turf and from continuing their line in the Stud Book. It has been pointed out that one step which should be taken is to discontinue the class of race ('Sellers' particularly) which encourages the owners of inferior animals to keep them in training. Unfortunately there always will be a certain number of horses which only time can prove worthless to racing and to the breed, so that much as some of us dislike Selling Races, their disappearance from race cards would not put an end to the running of moderate animals, though it might mean their earlier exit from racing. Mr. A. MacKay Smith, well-known in Yorks as a buyer of Cleveland Bays for his stud in Virginia, has made a valuable suggestion to turn the Horse Retirement Fund to the real service of horse breeding. He writes to THE BLOOD HORSE advocating that weeding out should be confined to mares and fillies, as geldings don't matter and inferior stallions are not likely to be used. He continues:

"The question what next to do with the mares naturally follows. To destroy them seems wasteful. If an economic use could be found it would lessen the demands on the Fund and supplement its effect. If the mares could be bred to sires other than thoroughbred it would eliminate them from the thoroughbred picture. These means might profitably be employed in breeding hunters and hacks . . . During the past five years a considerable experiment has been carried out with Cleveland Bay stallions in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Western New York. They have sired hundreds of foals out of thoroughbred mares of good type but whose racing and breeding records do not qualify them to produce racehorses of even moderate class. The results have been horses of excellent size and substance, quiet disposition and remarkable uniformity, a matter of great importance to hunter breeders who seek to produce type rather than speed. Since Cleveland Bays have been bred for type and colour for over two hundred years, this blood corrects the tendency of the thoroughbred to reproduce himself as to speed rather than to type."

I don't know exactly what a 'bull tiger' is, but that is how an old gamekeeper recently described a fox

to me. On the estate on which he is employed foxes are strictly preserved, and on his rounds the other day—but I'll set down the story in his own words:

"I lighted on a big dog fox with a leg fast in a box trap a farmer had set. I put my gun down and got a railing out of a fence, set my foot on the trap and held out the railing thinking the fox would fasten his teeth in it, and that I could then set him at liberty. Instead of clicking hold of the railing he showed all his ivories and flew at me like a bull tiger. I've seen some nasty-tempered dogs and some savage foxes in my time, but this beggar was the fiercest of them all. There was no doing nothing with him; he was in pain, and I saw it would end in him riving a leg off, or riving the trap up and going off with it to die a lingering death, so I thought the only thing to do was to give him a cartridge. He

died game, showing his teeth and trying to get at me, till he dropped. I'll be forced to tell the Squire. I was sorry, and he'll be put about, but what has to be will be, and there's been a good few foxes put down this back-end owing to hounds not coming to hunt them."

One wonders if the aristocrat of the woodlands will ever again assume the sacred halo which has so long protected the vulpine species, or if the destruction advised by some masters of hounds, coupled with the announcement by others that poultry claims cannot be paid during the war, will forever remove the exalted pedestal Reynard the fox has for generations occupied in rural Britain. Time was when on many estates a man known to be an enemy to foxes would have been discharged and would not have found it easy to get another farm.

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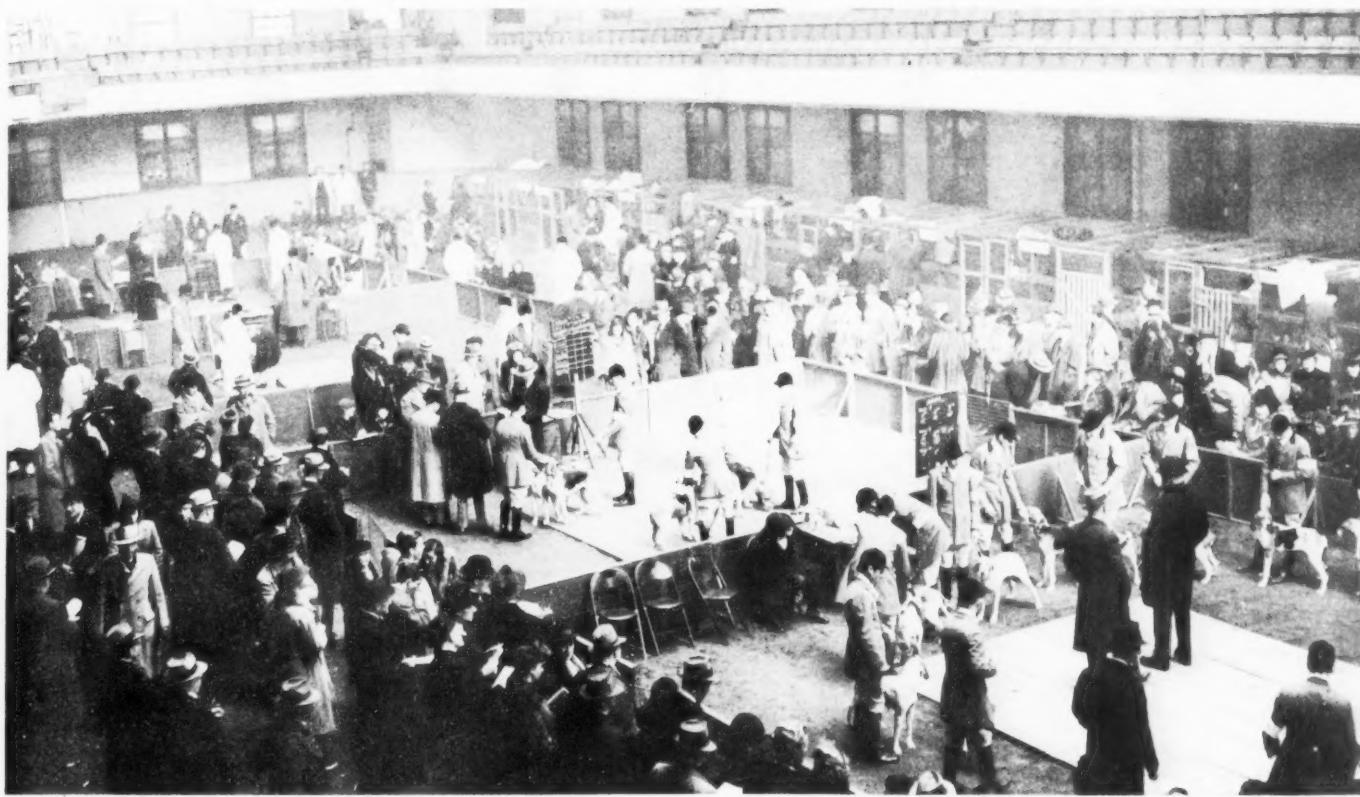
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NEW YORK HOUND SHOW WITH ITS FOUR RINGS IN THE RIDING AND POLO CLUB



Hound lovers gathered on Friday, January 31st and spent the day viewing hounds and discussing sport with foxhunters, beaglers, owners of bassets and harriers. One of the greatest features about this show, held in the middle of the season, is that it maintains interest when many countries are frozen solid and there is no hunting, although hounds must be kept in hunting condition. Huntsmen and whippers-in enjoy a chance to talk to their compatriots as much as do the masters and members of the various hunts, who all spend as much time exchanging notes on sport as they do watching hounds.

----Photo by Bert Morgan

ELIAS CHADWELL AND THE MILLBROOK



The winners of the American Pack Class Division were outstanding for the excellence of their condition. With muscles rippling and coats gleaming, they obediently trotted after Huntsman Chadwell, obviously his devoted followers. Joint Masters Frederic Bontecou and William J. Knapp show splendid sport.

----Photo by Bert Morgan

WITH THE NANTUCKET HARRIERS



Far from the waters of Nantucket, Mrs. Wesley Trimpi's harriers won the class for American Harriers to best Edward Clucas' Whiteoaks. These hounds provide sport during summer months. They were awarded the Fairfield and Westchester Challenge Plate.

----Photo by Bert Morgan



At right, Amory Haskell's Monmouth County Harriers were outstanding. Albert Smith, huntsman, is here seen with the champion in the American Harrier division for bitches, Vanity '36 by Mr. Reynal's Monarch '34--Rockwood Vera '31.

----Photo by Bert Morgan

## D. B. HULL'S WAR REFUGEES

At left, the master of the Fox River Valley and joint master of Longmeadow of Barrington Ill., brought two of his recently organized English pack from the Duke of Beaufort's Hunt.

----Photo by Bert Morgan



## THE CHESHIRE'S WARRIOR, '36



Warrior, '36 by Sanford, '30 V.W.H. (Cricklade)--Wily, '27 won the Best Single Dog Entered, Couple of Dogs Entered, Stallions certified to be the sire of living puppies, Two Couples of Dogs Any Age and was the winner of best dog in the English Hound Division. A hound of unusual quality, Mr. Stewart considers him one of the best types he has ever raised.

----Carl Klein Photo

## ALBERT SMITH WITH THE MONMOUTH



The Monmouth County Harriers were as fine and alert a pack of Hounds as were seen at the Show. Amory L. Haskell, M.F.H. showed both a dog and bitch jack in the pack class for Harriers for the Millbrook Hunt Plate and the dogs were awarded the trophy. Monmouth hunts both hare and fox over a large portion of New Jersey and although the harriers are smaller than the foxhound, they are a very fast pack and can handle and break up a fox with ease.

----Carl Klein Photo

## STOCKFORD BASSETS AND MRS. BISSELL



With a mixed pack of dogs and bitches, Mrs. Alfred Bissell was awarded the Vernon-Somerset Beagles Plate for the best pack.

----Carl Klein Photo

## BEST ENGLISH PACK



The President of the Masters of Foxhounds Association and Master of his own Cheshire Foxhounds, Mr. Stewart is seen receiving the Shelburne Foxhounds Plate for best English and Crossbred pack with his huntsman, Charlie Smith. The Cheshire hunts both a dog and bitch pack at Unionville, Pa. The dog pack was awarded the trophy.

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## MR. ELY'S GAMESTER '39



Mr. Newbold Ely, M.F.H. of his own hounds at Ambler, Penna. is the leading exponent of the Welsh Hound in America. He has imported extensively and has experimented widely with cross breeding the Welsh blood with the English and American hounds. His Gamester '39 by Pantysgallog Windsor '34--Lord Davies' Gypsy '34 was best hound of either sex. The Infantry School, Myopia, Groton and Whitemarsh were also winners in the Welsh division.

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## THOSE "MERRY LITTLE HOUNDS"



The growing enthusiasm in beagles was given ample evidence at the Hound Show with eight different hunts competing. The Foxcatcher Beagles were awarded best pack. This was a bitch pack and was shown by John Carson, huntsman

----Carl Klein Photo

## ROSE TREE

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to Mr. Piersol's pines, it looked for a while as if we might draw a blank. Hounds, it is true, tongued forth once in the Poultry Farm pines and again in Pickering. Each time the music, though uncertain, suggested to our hopeful hearts, "There's a strike!" But each time it proved to be a cold trail. In Mr. Piersol's trustworthy pines, however, hounds burst forth into fairly authentic music. We sank into our saddles settling for a run. But the pines were not so trustworthy as usual. "Tally Ho!" Albert Crossan doffed his cap. "It's a gray!" We relaxed and looked sadly at each other. If it had not been so raw and cold, however, we should have delighted in what was truly fine hound work. For forty minutes hounds followed that wretched gray from the west pines across the cart road into the east pines and back again and in and out and around. A few yards from his brush, they would drive him out to the edge of the field. Here, as hounds would follow chorusing at the pines, he would duck in again. But hounds, as tenacious as he was wily, finally pushed him to earth in the pines near the edge of the Providence Road. The puppies, some out for the first time, could not have had better experience. Two of them, by the provocative names of Hemlock and Hickory, afforded vocal and dramatic interest to the whole afternoon. Their music—if I may call it that!—on crossing Ridley Creek was something to hear. At sight of the water they stood on the bank and tongued forth despair to earth and heaven. When, deserted by the rest of the pack, they finally, plunged into the water, they yowled forth anguish, frantic and unrestrained. Even after they reached the other side and started running up the hill they wept forth little explosive cadenzas of self pity. But let us not forget those babies may be president some day.

Saturday, February first, hounds met at Tangy at twelve instead of eleven in order to give the sun a chance to soften the top crust of snow. Even so Mr. Kerr hunted only the dog pack. Until three o'clock we followed across field and through woods without a whisper from hounds. The woods, however, were very beautiful. The trunks of oaks and maples and tulip poplars, dark against the snow, and their high branches likewise dark, but in delicate pattern against the upward blue of the sky. The clear bright winter sun cast shadows through the trees on the wide white surface of snow, "blue shadows" as Walter Robinson says. It was not until nearly three o'clock that hounds, with a burst of true music, in Chestnut Sprouts followed the line straight across West Chester Pike, head on into the Radnor field. Radnor, fortunately, was at the end of a run and ready to pull out. But as Rose Tree and Radnor Hounds seemed bent on fraternizing, Mr. Kerr decided to draw back into Rose Tree territory instead of following on into Radnor. 'Tis true indeed, however, that plans of men and mice gang aft aglee, for Mr. Piersol's pines proved true this time to their trustworthy record. Hounds uncovered a running red that sped up country and crossing West Chester Pike between Edgemont and Castle Rock led straight into Radnor country—yes, again. He sped merrily through territory Rose Tree begins now to find quite familiar. After an hour or more of breathless going, Mr. Kerr decided around five o'clock to cry enough and call it a

## DEEP RUN HUNT CLUB

Richmond,  
Virginia.  
Established 1887, 1923.  
Recognized 1905.



Both foxhounds and the drag pack have been providing good sport for Deep Run during the past few weeks.

On Saturday, January 18, foxhounds met at the new club property in Goochland County at 3 o'clock. Dr. John M. Hughes led the small field of 14, and cast hounds at once on the trail of a big red, which had been sighted in the neighborhood just an hour before. Hounds could do nothing on this line and were lifted and cast in a cover slightly to the west.

After twenty minutes of work, a lone hound raised his voice, and the pack soon made it a chorus. The master thought the hounds had a gray running in a circle, but this reporter suspects a rabbit was the chief attraction. At any rate, hounds lost their enthusiasm after several minutes and three more coverts were drawn, all blank.

Hounds were then sent into a dense swamp and one hound had hardly spoken before bedlam broke loose. From the music it was evident a fox had been jumped right out of bed, and hounds were away in a streak. Using roads and byways, the field galloped headlong for about two miles and pulled up hard as the pack went mute. The dense woods proved impenetrable on horseback, and the master was unable to learn the fate of the fox.

As darkness was approaching, the field turned homeward.

On Monday, January 20, hounds met at Fox Hill, the home of Capt. and Mrs. William Murray Forbes Bayliss, in Goochland County. Dr. Hughes again hunting the pack.

Within five minutes hounds hit the line, cold trailed for half an hour, and then started running in earnest. A few miles to the west, the fox reversed almost to the original starting point and then reversed again. He attempted a third reversal, but by this time the pack was gaining, and as Reynard crossed an open space the field saw him, a big red. He was now racing straight back toward Fox Hill at a terrific pace, furnishing the somewhat breathless riders all the sport they desired.

Hounds lost briefly just to the east of Fox Hill, and the master decided the fox had reversed again. This was a fatal error, and the field became hopelessly separated from fox and hounds, who evidently veered off at an angle and then continued eastward.

On Thursday, January 23, the drag pack met at a special fixture in honor of the members of the cast of the motion picture "Virginia", which had its world premiere in Richmond the following evening. Tom Rutherford and Stirling Hayden were the guests of honor and 35 carloads of spectators followed the hunt.

Although stringing out somewhat, hounds performed well, and furnished a good afternoon of sport.

Other drag fixtures were on Saturday, January 25, and February 1. The speed and brilliance of the drag pack was again demonstrated on these hunts.—W. C.

day. A really good run.

May a long, gentle, warm, persistent rain fall from the heavens above upon Rose Tree earth beneath and wash up "the beautiful, white, damnable snow!" P. G. G.

## TRYON HOUNDS

Tryon,  
North Carolina.  
Established 1926.  
Recognized 1935.



The Tryon master, Mr. John R. Kimberly of Milwaukee, Wis., is expected to join the Tryon establishment this month. He has delayed his return, awaiting the completion of his new house and stable. Hounds have been going out regularly three days a week since December, both drag hunting and foxhunting. Huntsman Arthur Reynolds has the 11 couple pack hunting extremely well.

The pack includes a draft from Moore County and Orange County Hunts also from the Verner Z. Reed pack. The pack is leased from Mrs. W. O. Moss of Southern Pines, N. C., for the season from December through April.

The Tryon establishment includes Mrs. David Hedekin and Miss Tony Wick as honorary whipper-ins and Harold Joy and George Webster as professional whipper-ins. Maurice B. "Lefty" Flynn is honorary secretary.

A rolling country, about 10 miles square, much of it pine woodland, has numerous "rides" cut through it. Substantial post-and-rail fences, Aikens, and chicken coops are to be found. It was the intention of Carter Brown, ex-honorary huntsman, when he did much for the Tryon sport in developing the country, to keep the fences up to 3'-6" to 3' 9". As a result it takes a good jumper, and the solid, formidable looking, fences encourage real jumping efforts. The split rail jumps are stout enough in looks so that horses do not chance them.

The Chronicle was fortunate to be numbered in the field when hounds met this day at the Old Block House. This old land-mark is built upon the North Carolina—South Carolina line so that one half of the building is in each State. A field of a dozen moved off. The meet was at 10:30.

Miss Eleanor Moffett, enthusiastic follower, came over from Asheville, N. C., trailing her hunter some 50 miles. Others out were Carter Brown,

field master; his fine riding young son, Austin Brown, on his mare, **Foxana** (she won the Brown Challenge Bowl Point-to-Point on two successive years there); the honorary whipper-ins and Louis Duffy of Middleburg, riding a fleet little chestnut mare, a very bold jumper, belonging to Huntsman Reynolds. The Chronicle had the mount on Mr. Flynn's well known weight-carrier, **Ethiopia**, a most unusual, big jumper. She came from the Rappahannock Hunt country over near Amissville, Virginia.

Huntsman Reynolds has Hugh Sharp doing the "Moore County—Goldsmith" drag-laying for Tryon Hounds. Young Sharp emulates the tactics of a fox, laying a light line with strips of burlap. The line last Saturday was between four and five miles in length.

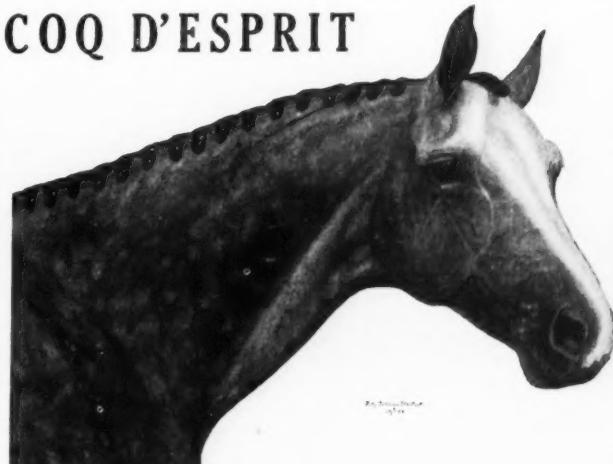
Melba, a former Orange County bitch and Gad About, a former Moore County Hound, set the pack straight in the Mahler orchard, where the scent was catchy and the ground very dry. Hounds hunted out the line as diligently and keenly as if they were on a live fox.

Riding home, young Mr. Brown reckoned the number of jumps, "24 or 25 we jumped". At several instances in the run, Mr. Brown, Sr., on his **Trompe Bar**, bred in Michigan by James Vernon, (**Trompe Bar** is being groomed for a Carolina Cup effort with the older son, Carter Wilkie Brown riding). Austin Brown, Louis Duffy and The Chronicle rode four abreast over the lengthy, big panels through the "rides".

Three top hole hounds in the Tryon pack are Melody, Harmony and Lefty. They are by Ballot, a noted foxhound sire in North Carolina, winner of many field trials as well as his progeny), out of Music, a bitch drafted from the Verner Reed pack. Melody combined to win laurels at in trials, as is Lefty, named for the honorary secretary. Harmony and Melody combined to win laurels at the Tryon Hound Show, held in conjunction with the April horse show, and considered one of the largest hound show fixtures in North Carolina.

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## COQ D'ESPRIT



COQ D'ESPRIT, grey, 1934, by \*COQ GAULOIS—DULCY, by \*LIGHT BRIGADE, is a magnificent individual, standing 16.3, measures 78 inches around the girth, 9 1/2" below the knee and weighs 1,450 pounds. Combining, as he does, the jumping qualities of \*COQ GAULOIS and \*LIGHT BRIGADE, and being a brilliant jumper himself, he should prove a most outstanding sire of jumpers.

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## Editorials

### MASTERS OF FOXHOUNDS LEAD ON

Nearly a hundred men gathered at dinner last Friday night in New York to talk of the sport they provide. As Masters of Foxhounds, they represent the best sportsmen in America. They are the best foxhunters the country can produce. Their knowledge of hounds and hound lore, of hunting and riding across a country would fill many and many a book. They represent sport as we know it. These men had just made The Chronicle the official publication of their organization, the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America, a position of trust and confidence that The Chronicle appreciates deeply. These are difficult times and two associations with their heart and soul in an enterprise are more valuable working together for the good of the endeavor than one. There is time in this country to make of foxhunting the finest sporting ideal in existence. It is in this endeavor that The Chronicle aligns itself with the Masters of Foxhounds.

Ninety-six men, all in pink coats, what a splendid, brave sight! and behind them lie the finest traditions in American sport. With the world facing changing times, foxhunting, too, must be awake to the change, so that the foxhunters' scarlet coats will never strike a chord of resentment on the land they ride upon. Instead, foxhunters must make of that pink coat a glowing emblem of courage, of faith, of generosity, of simplicity, for all to follow, so that the cry of hounds means to the farmer, and the passing motorist as well, the strong, clean call of men and women willing to fight for the future of this land.

There is too much that has already been written on the idle, wealthy, fox-hunting man, too much resentment kindled by statements such as that of a governor of one of our states who declared recently that this war would see the last of the "Foxhunting Set" who have ruled England. Some of the greatest men in England have been and always will be foxhunters. They failed, as did others, in awakening the nation too late to her emergency. In this country there is need for men of courage, men of ability, men who have been taught the importance of taking a line and riding it through, come what may. There is no greater school than a day with hounds to teach patience, to teach generosity, to teach courage. The man in the pink coat knows it well, and in times of strife, he must use it well.

In England I have heard that villagers are disappointed in no longer seeing the familiar scarlet meeting on the village green. Hunting goes on, but meets are held away from the accustomed places. The pink coat in England to rich and poor alike has always been a symbol of clean sport and fine hearts. In the time of England's greatest crisis, the symbol of her pink coat and all that this represents should not now be furled in the face of her enemy.

In this country, there is much to be done before people realize that those who wear scarlet are not the remnants of a class who has seen its last days, but, instead, are a band of generous, high spirited men and women, capable of great sacrifice, who are willing and able to use their energies, their resources and their knowledge of the land and of its people to do all that they can to build, support and maintain the independence and free thinking of this nation. The man in the pink coat, as he rides through the land on horseback, today, must keep his hand ready, his eyes open for all unhappiness, all misfortune, and with generosity and kindness remedy the wants of the poor, wherever he rides, so that the scarlet of the foxhunter may come to be

known in these times and welcomed throughout the countryside as a bearer of glad tidings, and of succor for those in need. It is a great symbol, this red coat, a gay, courageous, spirited symbol, a symbol behind which men can rally to the support of unselfish and independent thinking. The pink coat must be so well worn in the days to come that, when a foxhunter rides over the countryside, men will say, "There goes a man to whom the welfare of the farmers of America is more important than the sport he follows, for even in the heat of the chase he never forgets the farmer over whose land he rides."

### VIRGINIA BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

A meeting has been called to take place at the Red Fox Tavern in Middleburg on February 15. It will be a meeting of men and women who represent, in one way or another, the thoroughbred breeding and racing interests in the state of Virginia. Though Virginia has no racing within its borders, it is none the less vitally connected with racing throughout the United States, for it has ever been one of the leading states in the production of great race horses. This meeting will not be restricted to owners of stud farms, nor to horsemen whose influence is felt daily in the racing and breeding world, but it will be open to all who believe wholeheartedly in furthering the interests of breeding in Virginia, who will, by their presence and helpful suggestions, aid in forming a Virginia Breeders' Association.

The need for such an organization has long been felt in the state and required but the incentive of one newspaper man to start the ball rolling towards its ultimate formation. This man, Walter Craigie, has voiced the need and has been heard and answered. On January 24, Mr. Colin MacLeod, Jr., brought a group of Virginia horsemen together at his home in Middleburg, invited Mr. Craigie to join them, and the upshot of the gathering was the decision to call this meeting for February 15. Now that these important steps have been taken, let us hope that the response will be attendance on the part of all who can in any degree contribute to the inception and future welfare of a Virginia Breeders' Association.

## Letters to the Editor

### Master Johnny

February 3, 1941

Editor

The Chronicle  
Middleburg, Virginia

Dear Sir:

I do not wish to enter into a discussion of any sort; however, I should like to refresh a few facts in the mind of Mrs. A. C. Thompson, concerning Master Johnny.

I purchased Master Johnny in 1929, as a three-year-old, from a local farmer, at which time I was manager of Mrs. Mary C. Llewellyn's Sunset Farm Stable. The following is a partial list of his achievements during the years 1930, 1931 and 1932 when I was showing him: Model and Green Hunter Classes at Lake Forest; Championship at Illinois Inter-state Exposition at Kankakee; Winner of \$500.00 Lightweight Stake and \$1000.00 Hunter Stake at American Royal; Championship at Ohio State Fair; Championship at Cincinnati Horse Show; Championship at South Shore Country Club; Championship at Chicago Spring Show, International Amphitheater.

In 1932 the horses of Sunset Farm Stable were put on the market, at which time Mrs. Thompson purchased Master Johnny and his stablemates.

Yours very truly

Stanley Luke.

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### Clonsilla, Ireland

Middleburg, Va.

February 3, 1941

Dear Sir:

I was very interested in your publication of a "clipping" sent you by a subscriber, describing the successful raising of an orphan foal suckled by a cow.

The place mentioned, "Williams-town Clonsilla" is in the County Dublin, not England. My home was very close. Clonsilla was the home of many stud farms, where many famous Irish horses were bred. The "Masters" were well known breeders of hunters and racing stock. I know some of the family.

Yours truly,  
George R. Bowyer.

### Room For Discussion

January 31st, 1941

The Chronicle,  
Berryville, Va.

Dear Sirs:

In reading over the proposal for the first running of The Raymond Belmont Memorial National Hunter Championship Steeplechase (it takes about as long to write as it will to run it), the matter of weight and the plan for the design of the course leave room for discussion.

First of all, very few people hunt at 185 pounds, or more. I should venture the guess that the average would be about 165 pounds. This is a race, and necessarily the pace, at least for part of the course, will be greater than the usual one in the hunting field. With the added strain of sharp turns, owners, who would otherwise like to do so, may hesitate to enter their lightweight and middleweight horses. A bowed or sprained ligament takes a long time to get over. Weights of 165 pounds for lightweights and 185 for top middleweights and heavyweights, would be fair, with a competent judge assigning each entry into the proper classification, a reasonable time before saddling.

Secondly, the matter of the placing of the fences. I don't believe jumps should be near a turn, even the last fence, but should be constructed so that there is a fair run before, and no advantage in taking them at angles. Also, an in-and-out, unless at the least 75 feet wide, may cause trouble. If a horse comes down in a narrower in-and-out than that, perhaps being befuddled, he will have a tendency to stay in between the two fences, blocking the following horses.

It goes without saying, that we are widely enthusiastic about this race and want it to be a good one. I think the fewer the spills, the more acclamation and praise there will be for the Committee, and too, satisfaction for the rest of us. If the horses come out of the race in good shape, it will help do away with a fear most owners have about racing their own horses.

Sincerely,  
A. A. Baldwin

## BEAGLES

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consistent quality both in the field and on the bench, again were prominent in the show ring at New York this year. Hounds from Richard V. N. Gambrill's 15 inch pack received 3 blues, 5 reds, 3 thirds, 1 championship ribbon and 1 reserve ribbon.

Beagle entries were shown at New York under the ruling of the National Beagle Club that no hound may win an entered class more than once at this show, nor a championship cup more than twice.

Of the four classes for 13 inch dogs, those which called for unentered dogs and couples of dogs any age failed to draw a single entry. In the entered class Foxcatcher Tip, '39 by Sankanaac Tipster—Pioneer Nancy Lee, had little trouble winning the blue over the only other contestant, the Readington Foot's Duckhollow Mercury '38, by Culver's Short Shorty—Pattie Pitcher, who was judged New York's champion 13 inch dog hound in both 1939 and '40, and stood alone in the stallion class to win an undisputed first award. Because of the National Beagle Club ruling, the stallion winner was barred from competition in the championship class again; and Foxcatcher Tip, a sturdy, little hound of fine quality, who was judged the Bryn Mawr champion last fall, was awarded New York's tricolor ribbon with Duckhollow Mercury taking the reserve.

The largest beagle class of the show in both size and quality was that for entered 15 inch dogs. Four packs entered 10 hounds to contest for the winning blue. The Foxcatcher's Meadow Lark Draftsman, '37, winner of the A. K. C. award for the outstanding American-bred specimen of all breeds of pure-bred dogs shown in 1939, was not to be denied this year at New York. This splendid son of Meadow Lark Wiseman—Meadow Lark Dawn was declared the winner over Vernon Somerset Curate '35, by Flagrant—Comical. A well balanced '39 son of Delco Minor, Foxcatcher Comedy, received the third award. Draftsman's unusually great quality, substance, and balance leaves nothing to be desired. Curate, a beautifully bodied, close coupled hound, is a good specimen of the 15 inch beagle. The winner had the finer neck and muzzle. In the stallion class Draftsman and Curate triumphed in order over Foxcatcher Messenger '36 by Delco Minor—Walkamac La Mere, who defeated Draftsman for the tricolor last year. When these two great individuals stood in the championship class with the Vernon Somerset's Bushman '39 by Trinity Foot Forrester—Beauty, the unentered winner, there was no hesitation in the judges' mind as he awarded them their respective tricolors.

Couples of 15 inch dog hounds drew 3 entries. Foxcatcher Messenger and Major, two '36 litter brothers by Delco Minor—Walkamac La Mere were standouts in this class.

The Foxcatcher's Merry Belle Hicks '38, by Thornridge Tony—Merry Hicks was judged New York's champion 13 inch bitch for the second straight year. In her entered class this chunky, close coupled bitch with good depth, substance, and quality won over Hart's Blackie '39, by Sankanaac Masterman—Hart's Merry, representing the same pack. Foxcatcher Gay, a '39 get of Meadow Lark Draftsman, failed to receive a ribbon in this class. Indeed the winners of the entered bitches proved the class of this division, for in the

championship event Hart's Blackie defeated Readington Foot Gallant Miss '36, by Saddlebrook Sandman, a good, solid brood bitch type, who placed second to Merry Belle Hicks in the brood bitch class, to also win the reserve ribbon for her proud owner, Mrs. William du Pont.

The Readington Foot beagles won their well deserved blue in the class for couples of 13 inch bitches. Readington Foot Gladys '38, by Meadowbrook Ferryman, coupled with her dam, Gallant Miss made up the winning entry. Full of quality and as alike as two peas in a pod, Gladys and Gallant Miss triumphed over two couples of striking Foxcatcher bitches to secure the first award for John K. Cowperthwaite, their master.

Three bitches full of substance and quality took the ring to contest for the tricolor bitch award and the National Beagle Club Gold Medal in the 15 inch division. The Vernon Somerset's Bluebird '39, by Trinity Foot Forrester—Beauty, had little trouble winning the unentered class over the Readington Foot's Costly '39 by Delco Major—Widford Charmer. In like manner the well ribbed Vernon Somerset Hilda '38, by Monarch—Honey, won the entered blue over Foxcatcher Scarlet '39, by Squire, and whose dam, Master Key Nuggets '36, by Madden's Minor—Master Key Bubbles, was a very convincing winner in the brood bitch class. After lengthy consideration, the championship award was presented to Vernon Somerset Hilda with reserve going to Master Key Nugget, New York's 1939 and '40 champion, who, according to the National Beagle Club ruling should not have contested in the championship class. Vernon Somerset Hilda is a typical 15 inch bitch well put up, with good substance and depth of heart. She is a beautiful mover and, of the three contestants for the tricolor, had perhaps the better shoulder and front.

Foxcatcher Scarlet and her dam, Master Key Nuggets were the deserving winners of the class for couples of 15 inch bitches. These two great Foxcatcher bitches have never been defeated in a couple class.

After the competition in the single classes had been completed, four 5 couple beagle packs, with hunt staffs smartly turned out in colorful hunt

livery, contested for the Monmouth County Hunt Plate and were judged along the following lines: General Levelness of Pack 40%, Individual Merit of Hounds 30%, Manners 20% and Appointments 10%. Once again the sporting rivalry between Richard V. N. Gambrill's splendid 15 inch Vernon Somerset bitches and Mrs. William du Pont's sparkling little 13 inch Foxcatcher bitches was renewed. Foxcatcher was presented with the winning trophy as a ringing round of applause sounded the approval of the enthusiastic gallery.

To Jack Carson, huntsman of the Foxcatcher Beagles, goes great credit for the splendid shape in which he brought his many winning hounds to the New York Hound Show this year. No one ever more truly deserved to win the cash prize of \$15.00 presented by the New York Hound Show to the huntsman winning the most points in the Beagle division, and the cash prize of \$15.00, presented by the National Beagle Club to the huntsman of the best Beagle pack.

The Monmouth County Hunt of Red Bank, New Jersey, of which Amory L. Haskell is master, was the only exhibitor to send harriers to New York.

Both Monmouth County's champion dog and bitch were sired by their Hannibal '35. Monmouth County Happy '39, by Hannibal—Mr. Reynal's Handmaid, won his entered class and then defeated the unentered winner, Monmouth County Hunter '39, by Arlie Court Rummager, also out of Mr. Reynal's bitch, for the championship award. Monmouth County Countess '38, by Hannibal—Mr. Reynal's Cheerful, the winner of the entered bitch blue, was awarded her well deserved tricolor ribbon over the best unentered bitch, Varnish '39, by Dunston Rattler—Vixen. Monmouth County showed two Harrier packs. The splendid 5 couples of dog hounds, a very even lot of great quality, easily won the Mill Creek Hunt Challenge Plate over the smaller bitch pack.

After the Bryn Mawr Show, the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America and the National Beagle Club decided to hold separate classes for oversize beagles, over 15 inches and not exceeding 18 inches and, that these hounds would be known

as American Harriers. The innovation in the beagle and harrier divisions proved very popular at New York this year. American Harriers were well represented by 3 packs: The Nantucket, the Monmouth County and the Whiteoakes. Harry T. Peters, Jr. judged the 7 classes in this new division. Mrs. Wesley W. Trimp's Nantucket Harriers of Nantucket Island, Mass. and the Monmouth County Hunt shared equally in the awards. Hounds from each pack won 2 blues and 2 championship ribbons. E. W. Clucas' Whiteoakes Harriers of Bedminster, New Jersey are also credited with a blue ribbon win.

In the American Harrier class for unentered dogs, bred by the exhibitor, two well put up hounds of good quality, the Nantucket Harriers' Speaker and Singer, litter brothers, by Nantucket Spokesman—Banshee were judged first and second respectively. Speaker is a nicely finished hound of great substance and quality. Largest of the American Harrier classes was that for entered dogs, when 9 entries from the three harrier packs contested for the winning honors. Only after careful consideration was Whiteoakes Alfred '36, by Monarch—Anery awarded the blue ribbon over Nantucket Spokesman '35, a Vernon Somerset bred hound and sire of the first and second unentered winners. When the winning dog hounds were called into the ring for the championship award, Nantucket Speaker proved his fine quality; and Harry T. Peters, Jr. hesitated but little in naming him the first American Harrier champion in history.

Two American Harrier packs of 5 couples contested for the Fairfield and Westchester Hounds Challenge Plate. Mrs. Wesley W. Trimp showed a splendid looking, well mannered pack of dog hounds and the hunt staff of ladies looked very smart out in their summer hunting apparel of green shirts, breeches and boots. The sea island pack were declared the winners over the Whiteoakes Harriers' dog pack with E. W. Clucas, their master, carrying the horn and showing his hounds to advantage.

## The Carolina Serial STEEPLECHASES

TWO MILES OVER BRUSH

## SANDHILLS

(Southern Pines, S. C.)

Saturday, March 15

## AIKEN

(Aiken S. C.)

Saturday, March 22

## CAMDEN

(Camden, S. C.)

Saturday, March 29

For Four-Year-Olds and Upward, Non-Winners Over Brush At Time of Closing. By Subscription of \$75 (\$25 for each race) which entitles the subscriber to name one horse for a series of three races to be run at the above 1941 meetings.

**EACH ASSOCIATION WILL OFFER A PURSE OF \$1,000, OF WHICH \$150 TO SECOND, \$100 TO THIRD AND \$50 TO FOURTH.**

Weights: four-year-olds 144 lbs.; five-year-olds, 152 lbs.; older 155 lbs. Winners over Hurdles, 3 lbs. additional; Winners over brush, after closing of a race: 6 lbs. additional; Winners over brush of two or more races, after closing, 9 lbs. additional.

**THE RACE COMMITTEES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE VALUE OF THE PURSES TO \$800 EACH, IN THE EVENT THAT AN INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE RECEIVED.**

### SUBSCRIPTIONS CLOSE FEBRUARY 15, 1941

With National Steeplechase and Hunt Association

250 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Horses must be named on or before March 8, 1941.

Subscriptions may be transferred up to March 8, 1941, subject to approval of the Race Committees

# The Chronicle's Sporting Calendar

## Racing Calendar

### FEBRUARY

1-Mar. 1. Hialeah Park, Miami Jockey Club.  
 1-Mar. 8. Santa Anita Park, Los Angeles Turf Club, Arcadia, Cal. (From Dec. 26, 1940).  
 Santa Margarita Stakes, 1 1/16 mi., 4 & up, fillies and mares, Sat., Feb. 8. \$10,000 Added.  
 SANTA ANITA DERBY, 1 1/8 mi., 3-yr. olds, Wed., Feb. 12. \$50,000 Added.  
 San Carlos Handicap, 7 f., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 15. \$10,000 Added.  
 San Antonio Handicap, 1 1/8 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 22. \$10,000 Added.  
 California-Bred Two-Year Old Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds, Wed., Feb. 26. \$5,000 Added.  
 SANTA ANITA HANDICAP, 1 1/8 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 1. \$100,000 Added.  
 Juvenile Champion Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds, Wed., Mar. 5. \$5,000 Added.  
 San Juan Capistrano Handicap, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 8. \$50,000 Added.  
 1-Mar. 1. Hialeah Park, Miami Jockey Club, Miami, Fla. (From Jan. 8).  
 The Bahamas, 7 f., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Feb. 1. \$5,000 Added.  
 The Black Helen, 7 f., 3 & up, fillies and mares, Sat., Feb. 4. \$5,000 Added.  
 McLennan Memorial, 1 1/8 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 19. \$10,000 Added.  
 The Flamingo, 1 1/8 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Feb. 22. \$20,000 Added.  
 The Miami Jockey Club Dinner Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds, Mon., Feb. 24. \$2,000 Added.  
 The Evening, 1 1/8 mi., 3 & up, fillies and mares, Fri., Feb. 28. \$5,000 Added.  
 The WIDENER, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 1. \$50,000 Added.  
 Hialeah Juvenile Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds, Sat., Mar. 1. \$5,000 Added.  
 1-Mar. 20. Oriental Park, Havana Racing and Casino Ass'n., Havana, Cuba. (From Jan. 18).  
 1-Mar. 22. Golden Gate Park, Golden Gate Turf Club, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Oakland Handicap, 1 mi., 3 & up, Wed., Feb. 12. \$5,000 Added.  
 Pioneer Handicap, 7 f., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Feb. 15. \$5,000 Added.  
 California Derby, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Feb. 22. \$10,000 Added.  
 Peninsula Handicap, 1 mi., 3-yr. old, fillies & mares, Sat., Mar. 1. \$5,000 Added.  
 Sutter Handicap, 1 mi., 3-yr. olds foaled in Cal., Sat., Mar. 8. \$5,000 Added.  
 San Francisco Bay Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds foaled in Cal., Tues., Mar. 11. \$3,500 Added.  
 GOLDEN GATE HANDICAP, 1 1/8 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 15. \$50,000 Added.  
 Northern California Stakes, 3 f., 2-yr. olds, Mon., Mar. 17. \$3,500 Added.  
 Burns Handicap, 1 1/8 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 22. \$5,000 Added.  
 3-Apr. 10. Tropical Park, Gables Racing Ass'n., Coral Gables, Fla.

### APRIL

1-12. Bowie, Southern Maryland Agricultural Ass'n., Bowie, Md.  
 Roe Memorial Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Wed., Apr. 2. \$2,500 Added.  
 Bowie Handicap, 1 mi., 70 yds., 3-yr. olds, Sat., Apr. 5. \$5,000 Added.  
 Bowie Kindergarten Stakes, 4 f., 2-yr. olds, Wed., Apr. 9. \$2,500 Added.  
 Southern Maryland Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 12. \$5,000 Added.  
 10-24. Keeneland, Keeneland Association, Inc., Lexington, Ky.  
 Phoenix Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Thurs., Apr. 10. \$2,500 Added.  
 Ashland Stakes, 6 f., 3-yr. old fillies, Sat., Apr. 12. \$2,500 Added.  
 Ben Ali Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 19. \$2,500 Added.  
 Lafayette Stakes, about 4 f., 2-yr. olds, Wed., Apr. 23. \$2,500 Added.  
 Blue Grass Stakes, 1 1/8 mi., 3-yr. olds, Thurs., Apr. 24. \$10,000 Added.  
 12-May. 10. Jamaica Metropolitan Jockey Club, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.  
 14-26. Havre de Grace, Harford Agricultural & Breeders' Ass'n., Havre de Grace, Md.  
 14-May 10. Narragansett, Narragansett Racing Ass'n., Pawtucket, R. I.  
 12-May 10. Narragansett, Narragansett Racing Ass'n., Pawtucket, R. I.  
 Spring Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 12. \$5,000 Added.  
 Roger Williams Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 19. \$5,000 Added.  
 Bristol Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 26. \$5,000 Added.  
 Rhode Island Handicap, 1 1/8 mi., 3 & up, Sat., May 3. \$10,000 Added.  
 Blackstone Valley Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, May 10. \$5,000 Added.  
 26-May 17. Churchill Downs, Churchill Downs-Latona, Inc., Louisville, Ky.  
 Clark Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Apr. 26. \$2,500 Added.  
 Derby Trial Stakes, 1 mi., 3-yr. olds, Tues., Apr. 29. \$2,500 Added.  
 Suburbante Stakes, 5 f., 2-yr. old fillies, Wed., Apr. 30. \$2,500 Added.  
 Churchill Downs Handicap, 1 mi., 3 & up, Thurs., May 1. \$2,500 Added.  
 Bashford Manor Stakes, 5 f., 2-yr. old colts and geldings, Fri., May 2. \$2,500 Added.  
 KENTUCKY DERBY, 1 1/4 mi., 3-yr. olds, Sat., May 3. \$75,000 Added.  
 Kentucky Handicap, 1 1/8 mi., 3 & up, Sat., May 10. \$2,500 Added.  
 Kentucky Oaks, 1 1/8 mi., 3-yr. old fillies, Sat., May 17. \$5,000 Added.  
 27-May 10. Pimlico, Maryland Jockey Club, Baltimore, Md.  
 Baltimore Spring Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, Mon., Apr. 28. \$2,500 Added.  
 Rennert Handicap, 6 f., 3-yr. olds, Tues., Apr. 29. \$2,500 Added.  
 Gittings Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Wed., Apr. 30. \$2,500 Added.  
 Ral Park Stakes, 4 1/2 f., 2-yr. olds, Thurs., May 1. \$2,500 Added.  
 Jervis Spencer Steeplechase Handicap, 2 mi., 4 & up, Fri., May 2. \$2,500 Added.  
 Pimlico Oaks, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Mon., May 5. \$5,000 Added.  
 Jennings Handicap, 6 f., 3-yr. olds, Tues., May 6. \$5,000 Added.  
 Survivor Stakes, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Wed., May 8. \$2,500 Added.  
 Dixie Handicap, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr. olds, Wed., May 7. \$20,000 Added.

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AGUA CALIENTE'S VAST RACING PLANT NESTLES IN TIJUANA MOUNTAINS



Sizable purses, cards and a tremendous plant, have established Agua Caliente racing as one of the most important winter fixtures. Steeplechasing has been revived with stiff du Pont designed fences built in the infield. Over 60 'chasers are on hand there for the various jumping events and stakes, with the \$10,000 Gran Nacional, to be run on March 2 as the major feature. Well known Eastern steeplechasers such as FARRACUT, winner of "The Battleship \$2,000 Handicap" and YAMMER, winner of "The Primero" the opening day's stake, have triumphed. Judge George W. Schilling and General Manager Walter C. Marty have hopes of making "The Gran Nacional the greatest, the richest, the most famous race of its kind in all history", they recently declared, and plan "to gradually increase the value to a \$100,000 race, drawing the greatest jumpers from all over the world".

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JOHN RITICOR'S YAMMER WINNER



Above, Middleburg's 'chasing owner, John Riticor, shoulders a 3'-0" high trophy presented to him by Mrs. Harry Walsh, when his YAMMER raced home the winner of "The Primero Steeplechase", the first jumping event at the Mexican meeting. Mr. Riticor went west with a string of 6 horses and has entries in the Gran Nacional.

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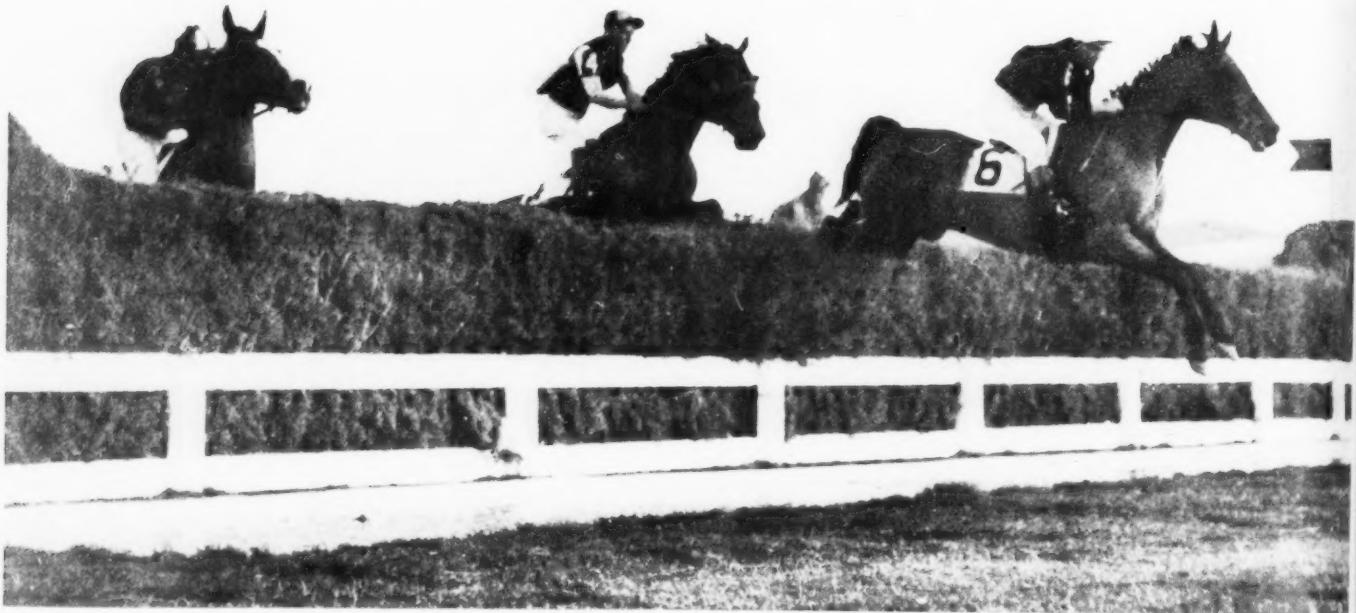
FARRAGUT, BEST BATTLESHIP 'CHASER

At right; Otay Stable's FARRAGUT beat YAMMER in the Battleship 'Cap. He, like BATTLESHIP, Aintree winner, has MAN o'WAR heritage and was bred by Mrs. Marion du Pont Scott. The son of ANNAPOLIS--LITTLE MUFF, with Jockey Clements up, is pictured with Miss Dorothy Kelly presenting the trophy.

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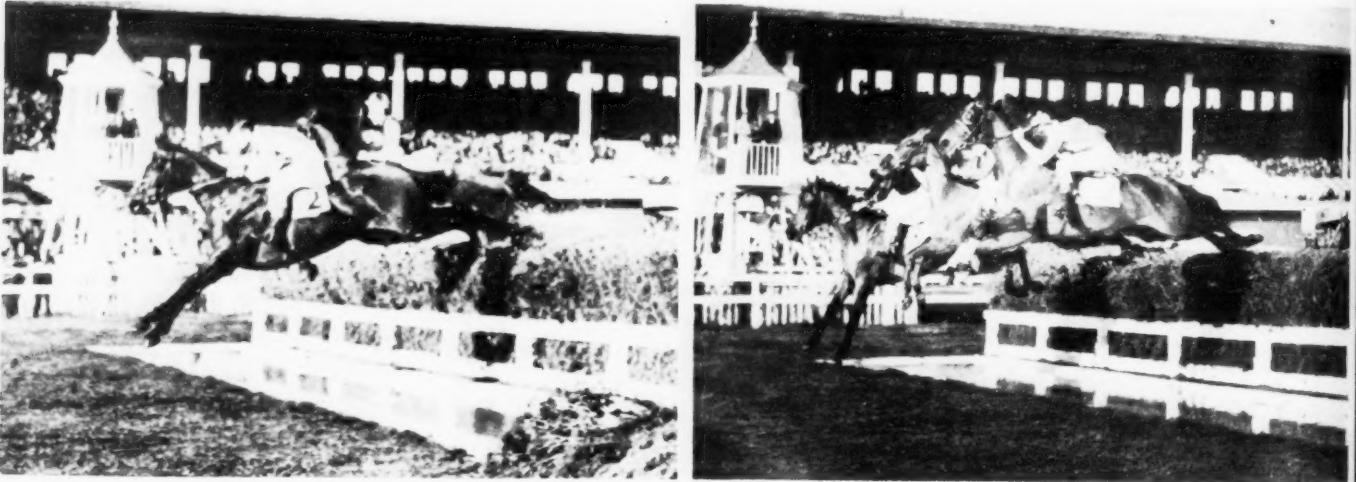
## FOLLOWING THE PACE IN THE BATTLESHIP HANDICAP



J. M. Geiser's WALTER B., #7, Joyce M. Hartley's SOMERS CHOICE, #4, and A. J. Reshaw's Maryland-bred PERFECT LIAR, #6, are shown over one of the early fences in Caliente's Battleship Steeplechase Handicap on January 18. Jockey Clements, aboard the winner FARRAGUT, #8, can be seen in the background. At this point F. H. Hammond's FAVOR SOME and Robert Riticor's YAMMER were out in front.

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## OVER THE WATER IN THE PIPING ROCK STEEPELCHASE



The second of the Baja California Jockey Club's weekly brush events was the Piping Rock Steeplechase, run on January 11 and won by the Canadian jumper SOMERS CHOICE, owned and trained by Joyce M. Hartley. In the picture at left, he is shown on the quarters of R. Scott's FENCING SONG, who later fell. At right, A. J. Reshaw's PERFECT LIAR, George Redsull's GLAZENWOOD and R. Hodgkinson's SHAWNIGAN take the same fence together on the second turn.

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## ANXIOUS MOMENT FOR RIVIERA'S FAVORSOME



A near bobble in deep going at the water nearly cost F. H. Hammond's FAVOR SOME the ultimate victory which was his in the Riviera Steeplechase at Agua Caliente on January 25. A clever recovery on the part of Jockey Novak and his Canadian charge, however, enabled them to maintain their advantage over D. Ohlandt's DEVOLTA and George Redsull's GLAZENWOOD. The latter came on to finish 3rd, as R. H. Crawford's PLAYDEMA was up in the final strides to get the place. FAVOR SOME won the Good and Plenty Handicap, February 2nd for his second straight win.

----Photo courtesy Baja California Jockey Club

## Two Foxhunters Visit The King Ranch

### A Trip To Charleston, S. C. Turns Into A Tour Of Texas Thoroughbreds On America's Largest Farms

Dear Chronicle:

About three weeks ago mother and I started off in our station wagon for Charleston, S. C., but before we had returned home we had visited the King Ranch in Texas. We had such a wonderful time and saw so much that I thought you might be interested in some of the high spots.

It all happened like this. We were at a hunt breakfast one afternoon and in conversation with our M. F. H., Alfred Allen, mother mentioned our wanting to take a trip down south somewhere. Mr. Allen said if he was thinking of a trip he would go down to the hound trials and bench show at James Island outside of Charleston. They were one of the largest and really something to witness. In the end it was practically decided that we take Joker, a hound we had walked for Fairfield County which had developed a great deal of speed and drive. A week later mother and I were telling Donald Perkins, ex-M. F. H. of our intentions and he suggested if we wanted to take a trip, why not take a real one, and he would give us a letter to a friend on the King Ranch. That was just too good to resist, so a few days later with the letter safe in mother's purse and Charleston still in our minds, we started off.

As soon as we got into the deep south we found we just couldn't drive at night with all sorts of animals roaming and grazing on the roads. But we had to experience the fact before we were convinced. We had dinner in Tallahassee, Florida one night and thought we would cruise along slowly to Marianna, as we had gained an hour in changing time. The first thing mother did was to run into a gas pump when we filled up with gasoline. "Well", mother said, "Everything runs in threes and this is the first. I wonder what'll be next". We perched on the edge of the seat waiting for the next calamity. Sure enough, about ten minutes later, mother shrieked, "Oh heavens, a rabbit", as we felt the car wheels run over it. That was the first animal mother had ever killed. You can imagine how we felt, just as nervous as witches. Not many minutes later a brown and white dog ran straight into us. We swerved but couldn't avoid hitting it. The car behind us hit the dog too and killed it. We went back but the poor thing was dead and the men in the other car said there was nothing to do but drive on. We crept at thirty miles per hour and I sighed, "That's the third, I hope we don't start another cycle before we get to Marianna. We didn't, but we felt terribly about the little rabbit and especially the dog. And were we glad to see the lights of Marianna! The next morning we saw a dead cow on one side of the road and a calf on the other and we thanked our lucky stars we hadn't hit them.

A couple of days later we pulled into Kingsville, Texas, where the office of the King Ranch is situated. I was so excited I shivered in fifty degrees of Texas sunshine. After introducing ourselves and handing over the letter of introduction we waited in an office filled with pictures of prize cattle and thoroughbreds. We crossed our fingers for luck 'cause some of our friends had told us weird tales about armed guards and people going into the ranch and never coming out. Finally, the secretary, who had been using the telephone incessantly since we entered, wrote out a pass and told us to give it to the manager at the commissary. We breathed a sigh of relief and started off. We drove about four miles out of town on a big cement road and straight in front we could see the gates and lodge house of the King Ranch. We got through them alright and started up the long avenue to the commissary. We found the manager who took our pass and then commenced to do more telephoning. Being only a couple of hundred miles from the border, they have nothing but Mexican help. Later we were told that the Texans have no use for a Mexican who speaks English, "They're smart-alecs". So Mexicans were in and out of the commissary gabbering away and ordering provisions. It was like a small Macy's on bargain day. The manager finally broke away and, driving our car, took us to see the ranch. We drove past their machine shop and school where 125 pupils attend. Their main ranch, or the switch, as they call it, is a sizable town.

First we saw their show cattle. Although horses are paramount with us, still it was very interesting to hear the history of this special breed of cattle. Three generations ago Mr. King imported a herd of Brahmans from India and crossed them with the Durham and Hereford, the latter being one of the most popular beef cattle today. From these three crosses they developed this special breed of beef cattle that is only found on the King Ranch. They have their own stud book, but when they sell any of these cattle no papers or registration numbers are given. The show as well as the range stock, which we later saw, are enormous, weighing from 1,200 to 1,400 pounds.

Next we saw their three-quarter bred stallions which they use to produce their own stock horses. These would make nice middleweight hunters with their deep chest, short cannon bones and big, strong quarters. They are close coupled, sturdy horses plus a surprising amount of quality. Then came the thrill of driving straight across the range to the thoroughbred brood mare barns. And the pasture! We were just amazed at the amount of grass for this time of year and that the stock looked in such excellent condition. The manager told us that it was a special Rhodes (Chloris Gayana Kunth) grass imported from Argentina. We laughed when we thought of our little two-by-four Connecticut fields covered with snow and the poor horses who don't see grass until spring.

As we bumped gaily across the range in the car he would drive through herds of cattle and I asked him how many acres the King Ranch owned. He said about 1,200,000 and ran anywhere from 75,000 to 100,000 head of cattle.

As we neared the brood mare barns, we noticed that the pasture was fenced in with wire but about eight feet inside that there was a high plank fence which was bolted together. The manager told us that all the horse ranges were fenced this way to insure against accidents. He also said that they didn't use a strand of barb wire or a nail or a staple on the entire ranch.

Where wire was needed they had a regular page wire fence wrapped halfway round each post and fastened in front with wire then carried onto the next post and so forth. It costs \$500 a mile, so try to imagine the boundaries, let alone the ranges that have to be fenced.

When we passed through the gates into the thoroughbred range, I noticed that all the hinges were covered with rubber. I didn't think that iron rusted that quickly in their dry climate but I didn't know. The manager said that was for the horses' protection. Well, we thought that was really taking care of horses, but then we hadn't seen the barns. These consisted of about twenty boxes apiece and on the same plan as those in Kentucky except they didn't have the hangover roof. But the most amazing thing was that they were all fireproof. The only part that could burn was the doors which were made of wood.

After seeing these we drove or rather bumped across some more range to look at about twenty or thirty broodmares. Except for the landscape, we could have been in any of the big breeding establishments of Kentucky. They were fat and as fine a bunch as you would find anywhere. On the way to the stallion barns we pulled up to look at some two-year-olds. There were about forty and all looked strong, husky youngsters. There wasn't a small or thin one among them.

Then we turned up a wide dirt road and there was the stallion establishment ahead of us. I say establishment 'cause that's the only word I can think of that'll give you some idea of the size of the layout. They have no less than fifteen stallions down there. First we saw **Bold Venture**, who, you remember, won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness in 1936 and for whom Mr. Kleberg, owner of the King Ranch, paid \$40,000. He was out in his pen, at least that's what the manager called it, but it looked like a small range to us with a large shelter in the middle where he could go when the sun gets too hot. He also had his box into which he could wander whenever

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## CAROLINA MEETINGS

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solidify the hunt meeting picture in the Carolinas, binding Sandhills, Aiken and Camden racing together for the sake of entries.

A subscription entitles a subscriber to name one horse which will be eligible to compete in each of the three events. Subscriptions close on February 15 with the National Steeplechase and Hunt Assn., with horses to be named on March 8. Subscriptions may be transferred up to March 8, subject to approval of the Race Committees.

The Serial 'chase will be run in the name of "The Croatan" at the Sandhills meeting, according to Richard Wallach, racing secretary, who has recently released proposed conditions for the 1941 meeting. This card will feature the Sandhills Challenge Cup, with a \$500 purse for timber horses, of 3 miles and the Yadkin Steeplechase, of 2 miles, for a purse of \$1,200. The Sandhills Cup still calls for amateur riders, while the rest of the five race card is open to professional riders.

Sandhills purses total \$3,600 with 4th monies in all events. All races have been conditioned by Mr. Wallach after a close study of horses in Carolina winter training and consultation with trainers and owners.

Aiken and Carolina Cup meetings will have entry blanks in the mail this week, according to George H. Bostwick and Harry D. Kirkover, respective secretaries.

The conditions of the Sandhills races follow.

The Catawba, 1½ miles, Hurdles. For Three-Year-Olds and Upward. Purse of \$600, of which \$85 to second, \$45 to third and \$20 to fourth horse. Weights: three-year-olds, 136 pounds; four-year-olds 149 pounds; older, 155 pounds. Winners in 1940 of \$300, or two races, 3 pounds additional; of \$450, or three races, 5 pounds; of \$600, or four races 7 pounds; of \$800, or five races, 10 pounds. Non-winners in 1940, allowed 5 pounds; maidens, four years old, 7 pounds; older, 10 pounds. To be ridden by Amateur or Professional riders duly qualified by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association. Entrance fee \$10.00 to accompany the nomination.

## Carolina Serial Steeplechase

The Croatan, 2 miles for Four-Year-Olds and Upward. Non-winners over brush at time of closing. By subscription of \$75 each (\$25 for each race) which entitles the subscriber to name one horse for a series of three races to be run at the 1941 meetings of the Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing Association, March 15; Aiken Mile Track Association, March 22 and Carolina Cup, March 29. Each Association to offer a purse of \$1,000 of which \$150 to second, \$100 to third and \$50 to fourth. Weights: four-year-olds, 144 lbs.; five-year-olds, 152 lbs.; older 155 lbs. Winners over Hurdles, 3 lbs. extra. Winners over Brush, after closing; of a race, 6 lbs. extra; of two or more races, 9 lbs.

NOTE:—The Race Committee reserve the right to change the value of the purses to \$800 each, in the event that an insufficient number of subscriptions are received.

The Sandhills Challenge Cup about 3 miles. Steeplechase for Four-Year-Olds and Upward. Purse \$500, of which \$75 to second, \$40 to third and \$20 to the fourth horse. Weights: four-year-olds, 149 lbs.; five-year-olds, 157 lbs.; six-year-olds and upward, 162 lbs. Winners in 1940 of \$300, or two races, 3 lbs. additional; of \$500, or three races,

## Officers Elected For Horse Shoe Club In Camden

The horsemen of Camden, S. C., organized the Horse Shoe Club in December, to fill a long felt need, so that there may be a place where horsemen can mingle and enjoy social gatherings. The St. Mary's Hall, on Pine Street, was turned over to the Club and an election of officers took place.

Albert H. Bruford, an energetic leader, was made president; Francis Bellhouse and James McGovern, well known contract jockeys for F. Ambrose Clark, were elected vice-president and treasurer, respectively, and Dexter Finney is the secretary. A board of directors was set up, with

5 lbs.; of \$900, of four races, 8 lbs. Non-winners in 1940 allowed 3 lbs.; four-year-olds that have never won a Timber Race, 5 lbs.; five-year-olds or upward that have never won a Timber Race, 10 lbs. To be ridden by Amateur riders holding Certificates from the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association or those eligible for the same. Entrance fee \$10.00 to accompany the nomination.

The owner of the winner to hold the Sandhills Challenge Cup until thirty days prior to the next running of the race, but in no case longer than one year, at which time it shall be returned to the Association. This Cup to become the absolute property of the owner winning it three times, not necessarily consecutively. The rider of the winner to receive a Trophy presented by Mr. Verner Z. Reed, Jr., in memory of Mr. Noel Laing.

The Yadkin Steeplechase, 2 miles, Brush. Handicap for Four-Year-Olds and Upward. Purse \$1,200, of which \$200 to second, \$100.00 to third and \$50 to the fourth horse. Weights to be announced Monday, March 10th. To be ridden by Amateur or Professional riders duly qualified by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association. Entrance fee \$10.00, to accompany the nomination; Starters to pay \$10.00 additional. The owner of the winner to receive a piece of Plate (value \$50).

The Randolph Memorial Cup. Mile on Flat. For Three-Year-Olds and Upward. Purse \$300, of which \$45 to second, \$20 to third and \$10 to the fourth horse. Weights: three-year-olds, 142 lbs.; four-year-olds, 156 lbs.; older, 158 lbs. Winners in 1940-1941 of \$300, or two races, 3 lbs.; of \$400, or three races, 5 lbs.; of \$500, or four races, 8 lbs.; of \$700, or five races, 10 lbs.; of \$800, or more than five races, 12 pounds. Non-winners in 1940-1941 allowed 5 lbs.; maidens, four years old, 7 lbs.; older, 10 lbs. To be ridden by Amateur or Professional riders duly qualified by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association. Entrance fee, \$10.00, to accompany the nomination.

The owner of the winner to hold the Randolph Memorial Cup, presented by Mrs. P. S. P. Randolph in memory of the late Mr. Randolph, until thirty days prior to the next running of the race, but in no case longer than one year, at which time it shall be returned to the Association. This Cup to become the absolute property of the owner winning it three times, not necessarily consecutively. The owner of the winner to receive a replica of the Cup as his absolute property.

members Arthur Diamond, William Hayhurst, Dick Shaw and Duke Williams.

The Club is open every afternoon and evening for members and their friends and once a week an "open house" is held. "Backers" of the club are F. Ambrose Clark, Grainger Gaither, McKee Graham, James E. Ryan and others. Among the chief activities has been the formation of a basket-ball team.

The Horse Shoe Club team won three in a row. Players include Dick Moore, one of the stars of the N. Y. all-state high school team; R. Dodd, Scotty Riles, Ray Boyer, Phil Miller, Sid O'Neill, Dick Shaw, Lester Flerx, Chris Flerx, and Johnnie McNair. In

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## RADNOR PROCEEDS

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acting in conformity with suggested plans made by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Assn. for the continuance of hunt meetings during this period of national emergency, has opened up its entire program to professional riders. It was deemed advisable not to restrict any of the races to gentlemen riders.

According to Mr. Hunneman, Jr., it is the desire of Radnor to encourage new owners in the steeplechasing sport and help swell the ranks of the nation's jumpers through carding a desirable program carrying sizeable purses. Radnor has always set a high standard for hunt meeting sport.

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## FAVORSOME

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miles" in 3:59 3-5.

Mrs. Nina Brennan's Napoleon, a frequent winner at Caliente in the days before the brush course was remodeled, was the first to get home behind Favorsome, having turned back Farragut, whose strong move in the last half was to no avail against Favorsome's powerful drive. He managed to get the show before J. M. Geiser's Walter B., the latter closing before Mrs. Joyce Hartley's Somers Choice who was the last to finish, Yammer having lost his rider on the second turn of the course.

Farragut, as a result of his convincing victory in the Battleship two weeks previously, had been burdened with topweight of 161 and ruled as the crowd's choice to win. Favorsome, who was again capably handled by Jockey Novak, picked up two pounds additional to that carried in the Riviera and was in at 151. Napoleon, on the other hand, shed two pounds, having failed to get home the week before, and was asked to carry but 147.

Favorsome, as is his custom, took charge from the outset and displayed nigh faultless fencing the whole route. His owner F. H. Hammond of Vancouver, who is his trainer as well, hit upon a happy selection when he put Novak up the previous week, for Favorsome had proved too much for his former rider and the present combine now looms as the major menace for the big race on March 2. At no time in this latest performance did Favorsome appear to be seriously menaced and despite the challenge offered by Farragut after a mile and a quarter, the Canadian had little difficulty in holding his command and won eased up, "with his rider looking around at his rivals."

Yammer's mishap occurred at the 7th fence, where the Virginia gelding bobbled badly and sent colored Jockey Corum flying over his head. Somers Choice displayed none of the form which won him the Piping Rock Steeplechase a few weeks earlier, but took all of his jumps slowly and just lasted to get home, at least 40 lengths behind Walter B., the latter being half that distance back of Farragut.

Another steeplechase, The Beverwyck, had brightened the day's fifteen-event card earlier that morning. This race, over a two mile course, was under claiming conditions and brought out eight starters, the winner being Mrs. R. H. Crawford's East Liberty, a former Rokey Stable color-bearer who appeared here at Middleburg under Jack Skinner's handling last fall. This 5-year-old son of Rockminster rewarded his many backers by coming

strongly in the final stages to overhaul the pacemaking Frock Coat and win by the safe margin of a length and a half. R. Duffy's Paul B. was third, followed in by Helen Hendrick's Playdema and H. Dunster's Bedford Drive in that order.

Only five of the original eight completed the course, D. Ohlant's Devolta, F. D. Adams' Phantom Lee and R. P. Munro Sr.'s Sunny Monday all having failed to stand up. Topweight of 144 was shared by Devolta and Playdema, with East Liberty in next at 140. Frock Coat, 134, was like East Liberty, making his initial appearance this year and only recently arrived at Caliente. He is owned by Mrs. Frank Blake of Colorado Springs, who started Henchman, last year's leading money-winning timber horse, on his jumping career. Frock Coat was developed at the same time and made brush history in Colorado by winning the Schley Memorial at the El Paso County Hounds Meet three times and thus retiring the cup. Mr. Blake rode him in those days.

Bedford Drive, a 6-year-old son of the Virginia sire Dunlin, was making his first appearance over jumps, in fact had been out only once previously since 1938 and that was in a claiming race at Caliente last November.

Ridden nicely by Jockey Dawson, East Liberty took all of his fences in grand style, though he was rated well back off the pace for most of the running. The command shifted between Frock Coat and Phantom Lee until the latter was eliminated in a spill at the 4th fence, then Frock Coat again went out on top and continued to make the pace to the stretch. East Liberty rushed up strongly through an opening approaching the final fence and wore down the leaders in the final eighth, to win going away.

**SUMMARIES**  
The Beverwyck Steeplechase, claiming, ab't 2 mi., 4 & up, purse \$800; winner: Mrs. R. H. Crawford's ch. g. (5) by Rockminster—Waybill, by "Waygood"; trained by R. H. Crawford.

1. East Liberty, 140, J. Dawson  
2. Frock Coat, 134, J. Meyer  
3. Paul B., 139, F. Cumens

Eight started; also ran: Playdema, 144, W. King; Bedford Drive, 137, S. Brown; fell: Devolta, 144; Filligame; Phantom Lee, 137, L. Malen; Sunny Monday, 137, A. Dorey; time: 4:14 2-5.

The Good And Plenty Steeplechase Handicap, about 2 mi., 4 & up, purse \$1,500 added; winner: F. H. Hammond's br. (7) by Somers Heir; Farny, by Runnymede; trained by Farny owner.

1. Favorsome, 153, J. Novak  
2. Napoleon, 147, G. Smith  
3. Farragut, 161, H. Clements

Six started; also ran: Walter B., 135, C. Colman; Somers Choice, 146, W. King; lost rider: Yammer, 149, W. Corum; time: 3:59 3-5 (new track record).

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## Two Foxhunters Visit The King Ranch

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he wished. The manager whistled him over while mother and I peeked through the high plank fence. He looked in fine shape, big and strong. **Bim Bam, Equestrian, Brazado** and the other stallions had similar pens and could wander in and out of their boxes at will, which we thought was an excellent idea. A very comfortable and healthy life and they showed it. This was our last stop before heading back to the switch and a long drive at that.

When we left the ranch mother and I were so dazed and thrilled by the whole experience that we headed south without knowing it. Once on the way toward the Rio Grande, mother said how she longed to see the river, so away we went. We drove over the new highway which the government is just completing and which runs straight through the King Ranch. It seems after going to court for years, the government finally obtained permission to open it up. It runs for about 128 miles with the King Ranch on both sides and with under-passes like they have in Kentucky. Imagine 128 miles! You really can't conceive anything like it until you've seen it. Down there they never talk in acres when referring to land, it's always in miles. I don't know about mother, but I couldn't get used to it.

When we reached a small town called Mission on the border, we started for 150 miles through the most desolate country I've ever seen. The paved road wound on mile after mile with only Mexican huts for company. Mother and I never drive more than 45 miles per hour and 50 is speeding, but all through Texas we found ourselves driving at 80 and we'd slow down to 60 going through towns. It was unbelievable! On this solitary drive we came to a sizable town, or so it looked on our road map, but it proved little more than a cluster of Mexican huts. Crawling down the highway towards us was an old Ford, vintage unknown, with about twenty men walking slowly behind it. We slowed up and found that it was a funeral. They had painted the body of the car gray and placed a large piece of glass on one side. Where they raised the money for the glass goodness knows. Well we drove on and in the second town, there were only three in the 150 miles, the speed limit sign was nailed askew on a shack, to keep out the wind. It seems as fast as the state puts up signs, those people take them down to repair their huts.

Neither of us will ever forget that drive. Mother was sure we would never reach Laredo and if we did, it would be no larger than Roma. To the left of us the sun was sinking behind the Mexican mountains and straight in front a large, black cloud was spreading over the sky. The summer breeze we had felt a few minutes ago was rapidly turning into a terrific wind blowing sand and bits of sage brush across the road. The car swayed and I noticed mother took a grip on the wheel to hold it on the road. I had always heard of tornadoes and have seen pictures and paintings defining the peculiar waterspout form they take. As we topped a rise I could see that villainous cloud had about fifty of these fringed along the bottom. I expected at least two to hit us figuring that would be a good ratio. As one Texan said to us, "I declare I think you all from the north are a little timid" and I guess we are for we both had nothing to worry about as the cloud eventually lifted and Laredo was a very nice city.

Poor mother was very disappointed in the Rio Grande; it was only a trickle and she had expected something like the Hudson or the Mississippi. We couldn't imagine why people insisted on directing us to the International Bridge. Some would look blank and just shake their heads, and others would laugh outright when we mentioned wanting to see the river. Well, now we know. On the U. S. side of the bridge we saw signs George Washington Bridge, Holland Tunnel and Lincoln Tunnel 2,075 miles and we felt very far from home.

About thirty miles north of Laredo we stopped in at the Callahan Ranch, which is about 600,000 to 700,000 acres and a typical Texas cattle ranch. Mr. Finley, part-owner, turned us loose with a little Mexican boy as guide and we drove through cactus, sage brush and mesquite for sixty miles on this same ranch before we pulled up at a regular cow camp. Here we met Mr. Binkley, foreman and saw over a thousand weanling Herefords. It certainly was a sight to behold!

The whole bunch were as big as yearling calves and were as level as a good pack of hounds. On the other side of the pens we saw a cowboy driving some horses from the range so we hurried around to get a look at them. To our surprise they were quite large, running from 15.3 to 16 hands, with a good bit of quality and in fine shape. Mr. Binkley invited us to lunch when the chuck wagon arrived, but mother didn't think she could eat goat or maverine, which is half wild hog and half goodness knows what, unless she had to, so we started our sixty mile trek back to the switch.

On the way we met the chuck wagon drawn by four mules. They nearly started off across country when they saw the car, but the cook somehow held them to the path. As we bumped and swayed on toward the switch, mother, who was driving, would point out more cattle and horses grazing on the range and everytime she did, we headed for a cactus bush and I thought of blowouts, trying to jack up the car and all those sorts of things, but mother would just miss it and answer nonchalantly. "It's alright we missed it" and without knowing, we'd be headed for another bush. But we came out none the worse for wear. One thing we did notice though, was the excellent amount and condition of this natural range pasture. One could easily see why the horses and cattle thrived and grew fat. The only drawback is lack of water, but even this Texas has remedied with government help by drilling artesian wells and using windmills.

When we had said goodbyes we started for the cold, snowy north and home. On our way back through Alabama, I was driving one morning when we saw a small bunch of cattle crossing the road ahead of us. I slowed down, and as we neared them, one animal parked in front of the car as if to stay for awhile. After waiting a few minutes, I said, "We can't sit here all day." "I'll get out and shoo it," answered mother as she climbed out. She was no more than on the pavement, when I shrieked, "It's a bull!" Mother jumped into the car, slammed the door and we both breathed a sigh of relief. Well, there we patiently sat until the bull decided to move a few minutes later. Mother and I sat there roaring with laughter at ourselves. Finally, I sobered enough to ask, "Going to buy a cattle ranch, mother?" "Well, you know I love them but I'm scared stiff of cows," and that started

us laughing again, delaying our home coming a good five minutes longer.

But when we stop chuckling at all our peculiar experiences and our queer reactions and settle a moment in serious thought, both of us come to the same conclusion, that we were amazed, not only by the condition and care, but also by the class of horseflesh. We both left Texas with the feeling that in a short time it would be one of the largest thoroughbred breeding centers in the U. S. Although cattle raising is still paramount and trucks have proved useful, the horse is absolutely indispensable to a ranch. And where so much care has been used in producing the finest beef cattle, a man naturally strives for the best in any breed and this is exactly what Texas is doing with its horses.

I do hope this letter gives you a small idea of the vastness of the ranches in the Lone Star state. Mother and I were so thrilled by it all that we figure in forty-eight weeks we'll be back there again, we hope, hope, hope!

Sincerely,

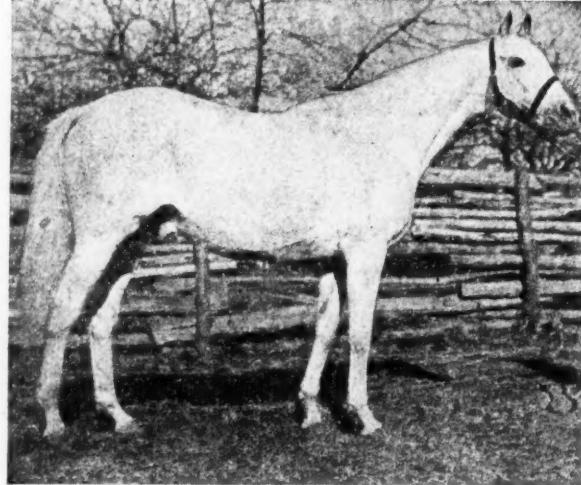
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# In The Country:-



## Ninety-Six Masters And Guests

Ninety-six masters of Foxhounds and some honorary guests met in The Union Club after the New York Hound Show on Friday, January 31. At the speakers table, Mr. Plunket Stewart, President of the Association, kept the ball rolling with speeches extemporaneously given throughout the evening by such noteworthies as Amory Haskell, M. F. H. of Monmouth County and president of the National Horse Show, William Woodward, president of the Jockey Club who was on Mr. Stewart's right as guest of honor, Averill Clark guest of honor from the Brook Club where the Henry Vaughan Memorial Room was to be formally dedicated the following day, James Boyd M. F. H. and author foxhunter from North Carolina, Harry T. Peters, senior joint-master of Meadow Brook with Harvey Gibson, both of whom, when called upon, gave excellent speeches, Sam Webb, youngest M. F. H. of Shelburne Foxhounds, John Bowditch, whom Mr. Stewart introduced as the most popular man in the country, and who obligingly rendered a most delightful song. Ambrose Clark wished the President of the Masters of Foxhounds Association well for the year to come, O. de Gray Vanderbilt, M. F. H. and newly elected member of the executive committee gave a talk on the work the Association must do to maintain its traditions during the difficult and critical days ahead. Stanley Reeve, honorary member of the Association and author of Redcoats in Chester Co., all of the first edition of which have been sold by the publishers, was another speaker as was Benjamin Cook of Providence who recalled auctioning a Welsh Hound for \$3,900 for the benefit of charity and being promptly asked by Sir Edward Currie to come to England to exercise his persuasive talents abroad with some of the famous Currie Hounds. That delightful gentleman and well known publisher of the former Sportsman, Dick Danielson, who is now capably handling the affairs of the Atlantic Monthly, was called upon for a bit of oratory by the President. Mr. Danielson responded with great eclat as did Mr. Charles D. Lanier.

### Henry Vaughan Memorial Toast

The evening commenced with a toast by Mr. Stewart to the memory of the late Henry Vaughan, former President of the Masters of Foxhounds Association, whose lovely personality lingers warmly in the hearts of sportsmen the country over. His portrait now hangs in the newly dedicated Henry Vaughan Memorial Room in the Brook Club, endowed in his memory by Mrs. Vaughan, where members of the Association may come whenever they wish, to enjoy the hospitality of the club, for tea and drinks and a place to spend time when in New York.

### At The Union Club

The dinner at the Union Club, that follows the New York Hound Show, is a fitting climax to the day. From the rendering of John Peel by Amory Haskell who had brought his sheet of music with him in the back pocket of his pink coat, and whose libretto was the admiration of all, to the delightful speech of Harvey Gibson, who recalled being taken for a harker by one of the cigarette girls at his own World's Fair, to the inspiring words of leadership spoken by Mr. Stewart, the evening was one long to be remembered by the members. It was one of the largest gatherings ever held by the Association, 96 being present, and the flavor of the evening will last for many a day. Off for North Carolina the middle

**Whiteoakes To Southern Pines**  
of the month will go Edward Clucas, Master of the Whiteoakes Beagles, with his fine pack to hunt the country with the Verner Reed, Jr.

### Guests at O'Malley Knotts'

The O'Malley Knotts entertained with royal hospitality the hound lovers who came to the New York Show. Starting as soon as the last class was over, and lasting through supper, the Knotts had among their many guests, Henry L. Bell, one of the outstanding show judges in the country. Mr. Bell, talking on high jumping horses, recalled a show in New York State when he was riding that great high jumper, **Rifle**. With the bars at 7' 3", in an indoor ring, **Rifle** was just taking off, when a fuse broke, and the entire armory was placed in total darkness. "You never saw poles and wings fly apart so fast," said Mr. Bell. When the lights came on they were scattered in every direction, but **Rifle** and his rider arose unhurt.

### Hound Show

That fine showman, C. Worth Howard, with publicity agent Joe Ryle, put on one of the best New York Hound Shows. Given in the old Riding and Polo Club, the show had a splendid crowd. Contrary to expectations, the place was not as cold as had been anticipated. Some coal braziers helped and for those who grew too cold, the first and second floor balconies, each glass enclosed and heated, offered ideal locations to keep warm and still watch the proceedings. It seemed a pleasanter, more friendly location, than the Armory, unavailable this year on account of army regulations.

### Millbrook's Chadwell

One of the most beautifully conditioned packs that can be found is that of Millbrook, winner of the pack class. Huntsman Chadwell has this pack with muscles rippling under satiny, gleaming coats. They are a real sight to see. They seem devoted to their huntsman, following around the tanbark of the ring and answering quickly to the sound of his cow horn that has won him the American horn blowing contest in years past. An interesting tale about the ability of Elias Chadwell, who is, by the way, an expert dancer, was told by that great hound man, Dr. Collins, responsible for the fine development of Millbrook's American hounds. Out hunting, hounds suddenly checked after running their fox and commenced to cast. Huntsman Chadwell, who is extremely quiet with his hounds, picked them up and took them sharply left handed across some fields where they immediately honored. Dr. Collins, mystified, asked how he had made such a successful cast. " Didn't you see that horse in the field prick his ears and watch? He wasn't looking at us. He was looking away from us, at the fox." Many times, Dr. Collins remarked. Huntsman Chadwell's keen observing eye has detected foxes' footprints on the side of the road and, by calling hounds, he provided sport or picked up the line at a check.

### War Peril Arrival

Captain R. J. Kirkpatrick of "Twin Oaks", Warrenton reports the arrival on January 24, of a bay filly by **War Peril**—**Miss Subway**, by **Nassak**. **Miss Subway** won some twenty races. Her 2-year-old, **Face the Music**, by **Judge Hay** is now being prepped for the races by Middleburg sportsman, Raymond Tartiere. **War Peril**, a 16-year-old son of **Man o' War**—**\*Helsingfors II**, by **Ramrod** shares court at "Twin Oaks" with **Teufel** and both are successors to the late **Judge Hay**.

### "Bill" Shreve, Lieutenant

From Maryland's Howard County comes word that L. G. "Bill" Shreve, a regular with Howard County Hounds and a lieutenant in the Field Artillery Reserve, has been called up for duty. The regiment which he will join at Fort du Pont, Del., is commanded by his brother, Major A. L. Shreve, regular army. Work on "Wavetree Hall", the farm near the Howard County Hunt Club, which he and his wife, the former Barbara

Harris, had hoped to occupy next spring, will be postponed until his return.

### \*Star of Gold, Vermonter

Omitted from The Chronicle's National Stallion Roster of January 24 was J. Watson Webb's **\*Star of Gold**, 16 hand brown son of **\*Sunstar—Queen D'Or**, by **William the Third**, who stands up in Shelburne, Vermont at a fee of \$25.00. Mr. Webb is one of three joint masters of Shelburne Foxhounds, whose territory encompasses part of the eastern shore of Lake Champlain. Sharing the mastership with Mr. Webb, with a season from mid-August to December, are Dunbar W. Bostwick and Samuel B. Webb. Which reminds us, a recent Hound Show release in The Chronicle labeled Shelburne's huntsman, Fred Ingleson as Fred "Eggleson," calls for apologies. Both Ingleson and Huntsman Will Woodward of Montreal were asked to judge the English and cross-bred hounds at the New York Hound Show on January 31.

### Responsible for Weight.

Crompton Smith of Middleburg and Nick Nichols, professional whipper-in of Middleburg Hunt, came upon a logical solution for the problem of getting riders up with the proper weights at the point-to-points. They talked in the Saddlery of the delay incurred when someone came up without a weight pad and there was not sufficient lead on hand. "Each rider will be responsible for his weight and will check in with tack at the appointed time to weigh in" was the conclusion and a suggested addition to point-to-point conditions.

### Candolette's Mishap

Eleanor Moffett was hunting with Tryon Hounds last Saturday, but not on her good **Candolette** mare, winner of show ribbon blues from South Carolina to Lake Placid in upper New York State last season. **Candolette** got out of her paddock over near Asheville, S. C., where Miss Moffett is busy with her dancing school work. The lovely mare ran down a road and was hit by a car, suffering abrasions on her shoulder, fore-arm and quarters. Miss Moffett believes she will recover quickly and be ready for the shows this spring.

### Detonator, Belmont Entry

The Chronicle has been advised of Richard L. Robinson's intentions of starting Fairfield and Westchester Hunt's good **Detonator** in the Raymond Belmont Memorial National Hunter Championship Steeplechase

to be run at Middleburg on April 12. It is believed that Rodney Waterman, II, honorary-whipper-in of this hunt, will be the rider. **Detonator** is a well known winner of show ring and hunter trial laurels and is considered one of the fastest hunters in the area.

### Charley McCarthy's Horse

Edgar Bergen's Charley McCarthy talked of having a horse in his radio hour on Sunday night. "Fast?" said Charley, "He can stand still faster than most horses can run."

### From North to South

Mrs. Laurens M. Hamilton, who has recovered so well from her hunting accident, departed with Mr. Hamilton from their "Byrnely Farm", The Plains, Va., for Palm Beach this week. Jane Blyth of Chagrin Valley Hunt (Ohio) made a two stop motor trip to Camden this week, bidding a night in Warren. She will be active in the hunting and showing there. Her horses are with North Fletcher. The Wilbur B. Ruthrauff's of Monmouth County (N. J.), who were so unfortunate as to lose the services of their good hunter stable head, Harry Wells, when the draft took him away, have arrived in Camden. Their **Okole Hao** and **Clovisse** are in training there with Raymond Wolfe's good colored rider, Shirley Banks in charge. The Philip Connors of Middleburg wended their way to Aiken on Sunday last for a fortnight with her sister, Mrs. Jean McKinney.

### Design Dies

J. S. Phipps recently bought **Design**, dam of **Blenisign**, from S. H. Rogers of Purcellville, Va. Mr. Phipps, whose "Blenheim Farm" now includes a number of very fine brood matrons, was to get the 16-year-old daughter of **Lucullite—Outline**, by **\*Chicle**, who was in foal to **\*Quatre Bras II**, up from the Holly Beach Farm, as soon as she foaled. **Design** died foaling twins on Thursday, January 30—one colt lived. Mr. Phipps' Court Manor acquisition, **Dark Love**, an **\*Traumer** mare, dropped a **Sun Beau** filly on January 10, full sister to **Son Lover**. She goes to **Blenheim**, as will **Sun Dancer**, an **\*Sun Briar** mare, who has a **Neddie** filly, who had a winner Monday at Santa Anita in Madrigalma.

### Troop A, 104th Cavalry

J. V. H. "Bobby" Davis passed through Middleburg, this week. He advised that he was being inducted into service on the 17th of February. Continued on Page Twenty

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I hate them north and west and east.  
In fact I cannot tell you whether  
I hate them singly or together."  
—Paul H. Oesher.

Of course it is not going to make one whit of difference to the ground hog or the weather man or anybody else if we like or don't like snow and ice, but just in case some other pilgrim reacts to them the way we do, we thought we'd say our say. The winter was getting away in grand style until the late precipitation stymied everything. Now we skid from one mud puddle to the next and call down wrath upon the state of things. And now, since we've got so much said, we will end with this trite one, "Oh wind, if winter come, can Spring be far behind?" We hope it can't.

The need of a blood bank in this community was sharply emphasized recently when a townsman nearly died for want of a donor of his own unusual type. The Health Center has a list of thirty-four names of persons who have been typed, with 2's and 4's predominating and few, if any, 1's and 3's available. It would seem a good community project for healthy persons here to be typed, not alone for the good they may do, but it is a personal safety measure to know one's blood type in case a transfusion must be made in haste. The Crier would welcome any information or suggestions on the subject. As a grateful beneficiary of a generous donor, it would be a privilege to take part in so important a community project.

In spite of wind and weather, the local Waltons have been bringing 'em in, many of them alive, as witness one much splashed sink and kitchen floor when two beauties were put there, pending the coup de grace. Being a bit low on our ichthyology, we shall not venture to name the species of these fish, suffice it to say they would have brought an epicure to his knees.

From our Red Cross work room comes news that two huge quotas of surgical dressings, begun in June, now are on the high seas en route to England. Under leadership of Mrs. J. B. Skinner, this chapter has

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worked long and hard to reach this goal. Mrs. Skinner is loud in praise of the four or five devoted workers who have met on each Monday and Friday, to, these many months to make possible this achievement. The Loudoun Chapter of the Red Cross was among thirty in the whole country that has been asked to make 180,000 surgical dressings for America's peacetime army now being mobilized and Mrs. Skinner stressed the need of more volunteers in the work room if this quota is to be completed by the June first deadline. When our men are giving a whole year of their lives (with other contingencies that we try to dismiss), surely the women of this town and county can find a few hours in each week that may be given to provide a measure of safety for them. This is OUR bit, let's DO IT!

## In The Country

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as were all the boys of the First Philadelphia City Troop, now known as Troop A of the 104th Cavalry. This troop will be encamped up at Uniontown Gap, near Harrisburg, Pa., and there will be foxhunters, gentlemen riders, beaglers and all. Henry Coxe, M. F. H. of Whitemarsh Hunt is captain of the troop. Other members are Jimmy Kerr, M. F. H. of Rose Tree Hunt, Alexander Stokes, William Stokes Jr., Bob Harrison, who has Chronicled many a fine line for this paper and Mike Kerr of Middleburg.

### The Hills' Gulfelano

The George Watts Hills have a timber horse. They have recently moved into their new Quail Roost Farm home, northeast of Durham, where their hunter manager, Delmar Twyman, hunts their private pack, and Balkonian is the huntsman's mount and Inky carries 11 year old Anne Dudley Hill afield. They bought him at the Warrenton Horse Show Sale. Gulfelano, who finished 2nd in the Bayard Taylor Plate at Rose Tree to Coq Noir, has been hunting with the Quail Roost pack, both drag and live fox, also has been going with the princess Anne Hunt. He is eligible for the Belmont Memorial National Hunter Championship Steeplechase, and is to be headed for it, a Princess Anne County entry, with Dicky Kelly up. Gulfelano will, perhaps, run in the Sandhills Cup first, and then try the Camden Carolina Cup course.

### Hitchcock's Dark Goddess

Thomas Hitchcock Sr., the dean of steeplechasers, has a Neddle—Dark Goddess yearling colt as a prospect. Mr. Hitchcock has gone back to his favorite lines of Meddler—Stalwart in obtaining this fellow from the Court Manor Dispersal last fall.

### Rodrock Has Metcalf's

Thomas Rodrock has now some 29 horses in training and is using the William F. Hitt Homeland Farm track daily. He recently took charge of Haughton P. Metcalf's string of flat horses.

### \*Annibal's Jock Weighs 60 Pounds

Nine year old Eddie, colored "contract" rider of Thomas Hitchcock Sr.'s, down on this owner's celebrated Aiken, S. C., farm, weighs but 60 pounds and is but 9 years old. Eddie is the regular rider of \*Annibal when he's training, and turned in a brilliant school on Woodhaven, when The Chronicle was a visitor on January 28, accompanied by Mrs. Jean McKinney, of Aiken and Louis Duffey, of Middleburg. Woodhaven's effort over one 5'6" pine-needle brush fence was measured a span of almost 30'-0" and the little jock, sitting chilly whooped with joy. It was very interesting to note the excellent hands of these young future jockeys, ranging in ages from 7-15. Without martingales, the horses' heads were never out of place.

### The Ernst Hahler's Hunters

The Ernst Hahlers of Milwaukee, Wis., have one of the loveliest places in the Tryon Hunt (N. C.) area. Rustic simplicity is the keynote of their house, with great hand-hewn

logs also used in the construction of a spacious stable nestling in the pines. There they have some dozen hunters and suitables. A striking type is General Alarm, 8-year-old son of Frisius—Ablaze. If he performs as well as he looks, he could offer rare competition at the shows. Black Wick, by Black Warwick—Mary Irwin, by Chaucer is a very handsome 4-year-old—he would complete the George Watts Hill's hunt team of Inky and Balkonian. Among the regular hunters in the string of Mr. Ernst and his daughter, Polly and son, Peter, are good working sorts, ably conditioned by George Webster, manager, and capable of carrying the colors of Tryon Hunt in the Belmont Memorial National Hunter Championship Steeplechase.

### Cody for Imperial Cup

S. A. Warner Baltazzi is training his own string down in Aiken. He has Cody, heading for the featured Imperial Cup hurdle race of the Aiken Meeting on March 22. Others in steady work there are Ab Lib, the National Cup winner, White Mask and Grandever, flat horses, and two 2-year-olds by Good Goods and Galant Sir.

### Show Horses Racing

Alvin Untermyer's Illuminator, winner of the 1939 National Horse Show championship, and the good, conformation hunter, Pharaabang, are heading for brush efforts this year in the hands of Raymond G. Woolfe. There in Aiken with them also is Mr. Untermyer's Sky Flyer.

### Mrs. Sullivan's Arm

Mrs. Corliss Sullivan was turned out very smartly, to ride her Peace Top on the Aiken Drag last Wednesday, January 30. On completing the drag line, Peace Top bolted and Rigan McKinney's mother's efforts were futile in stopping the powerful, big hunter, who took off through the woods. Mrs. Sullivan was unseated when brushed close against a tree on the nomaine side of her side-saddle, and X-rays disclosed a fracture of the right arm, above the elbow.

### Man o'War Foaled in Carolina

According to Houston Rawls, who with Mrs. Rawls, was lunching this week with Mrs. Austin Niblack, of Chicago, who is wintering in Aiken, Man o'War was foaled in South Carolina. "Mabubah was on the August Belmont, Garnett, S. C., farm when this noted son of Fairplay first saw light of day," explained the former hunt meeting owner, Mr. Rawls. The late Mr. Belmont's old winter training farm, with vast barns and a track has completely vanished, with the hurricane of last summer completing its final disintergration. This information came from a conversation regarding the placement of the new Hazletine Statue. An old colored man down there describes Garnett now as a "nice place if you want to be alone." The Chronicle was of the opinion that Man o'War was foaled on the Nursery Farms, in Kentucky.

### Tom Girdler's Hunters

The Republic Steel head, Tom Girdler, is a real foxhunting enthusiast and has Going Up, Guard Mount, Charlevaux and Hamburg King in Camden, at the Fletcher stables. Mr. Girdler hies to and from the Ohio steel plants in Stinson and Lockheed bi-motor planes.

### "Red" Leonard Loses

Johnny "Red" Leonard, stable foreman for the good trainer Oleg Dubassoff, wagered a \$10 bill that he could ride \*Frederic, after everyone of the contract riders of this outfit, including Jockeys Penrod, Roby, Almony and Hohenstein had been unloaded. It seems that, in figure-eighting about Aiken woods, through the trees, an ideal practice to get 'chasers shifty and quick to change leads. \*Frederic, owned by Evander B. Schley, on meeting other stable mates figure-eighting, can turn, drop his shoulder, duck and buck all at the same moment. These efforts had been successful in selling all the above riders "real-estate" in the land of the long leaf pine. Then "Red" suggested "I'll show you" and the boys put up their pay. Not once, but twice did \*Frederic unload his "sorrel top" rider. Mr. Dubassoff has one of the largest strings of 'chasers in Aiken this winter, including such good ones as \*Ossabaw, and \*Dolly's Love, stake winners.

### The Moss-es' Mile Away

The W. O. Moss-es have the Mile

Away Stables near Southern Pines. There they have some 35 horses, many hacks and hunters, for resorters biding the winter riding. They have Young Native, 9-year-old entire son of Pompey—Giggles, by Polymelian standing there. Johnny Vass has moved down there for the winter and has two hunt meetings horses in training. One is Pietro Crespi's Secret Call of Charlotte, N. C. Mrs. Moss is hunting Canter On steadily these days, obtained from the Manley Carter Sale last fall, when consigned by Stephen Clark, Jr. It is to be hoped that Canter On will be headed for the Sandhills Cup timber race, which has a purse boosted to \$500 this year, and has been frequently won by hunters, especially when Postman Home scored last year on one work from the hunting field. Canter On ones out-schooled Hold Forth, the timber horse who jumped an extra fence in the stretch finish at Middleburg and still was only 1 1/2 lengths away from Blockade.

### Hugh Sharp—Goldsmith

Hugh Sharp is the Goldsmith of Moore County Hounds at the Tryon Hunt. This young fellow, with wide honest eyes, who has not the slightest resemblance to the fox that he must emulate, lays the "light" drag lines for Tryon Hounds. He once went to Southern Pines, where he consulted Goldsmith, who lays such clever lines, that, for all the world, you would think hounds were running the McCoy.

### King Ranch Visitors

Several weeks ago Mrs. Frank Thompson, of Wilton, Conn., and Fairfield County Hunt Country, stopped by The Chronicle office with her attractive daughter Kathryn. They had been on a motor trip to the famous King Ranch in Texas and both were so entertaining with their enthusiastic descriptions of their visit and the great things now being accomplished at King Ranch, that we prevailed upon Kathryn to write us a letter about her trip while it was still fresh in her mind. She was generous enough to comply as soon as she and her mother reached home and The Chronicle is delighted to publish her letter in this issue (see page 15.)

### New Maryland Hunt Cup

As his retiring effort, J. Rieman McIntosh, Secretary of the Maryland Hunt Cup for the past several years, announced the 48th Running of the famous Maryland Hunt Cup, to be run for the new challenge cup presented in memory of Redmond C. Stewart by Mrs. Stewart. The conditions are identical as in the past year and the distance the same renowned four miles over the world's stiffest timber fences. The new challenge cup will be known as "The New Maryland Hunt Cup" and becomes the permanent possession of the owner winning it three times, not necessarily with the same horse nor by successive wins. Blockade retired the old cup last year with three successive wins for his former owner Mrs. E. Read Beard. Blockade is to run this year in the name of C. F. Tuttle. James McHenry has succeeded Mr. McIntosh as Secretary. His offices are in the Maryland Trust Building, Baltimore. Mr. McIntosh retired due to his induction into the services of the Maryland National Guard on February 3rd.

### Ex-Rokeby 'Chaser Hunts

Mrs. Raymond Woolfe, wife of the well known steeplechase trainer and gentleman rider, is hunting Sea Chief, former Rokeby Stable star of the hunt meetings, when he carried the Paul Mellons' colors. Sea Chief is in Aiken or the drag lines these days.

### "The Rockminister."

"The Rockminister," that's all the name that the good 5-year-old son of Rockminister has ever had to the knowledge of The Chronicle. E. Kenneth Jenkins always called the thoroughbred hunter "The Rockminister" when he hunted him, as did the former Mrs. Jenkins. Today "The Rockminister" is in the hands of James E. Ryan, trainer, to be prepared for timber efforts this spring for his present owner, Thomas Leiter. Mr. Leiter has hopes of a Maryland Hunt Cup horse in his "The Rockminister". His actual name is hoped, will be disclosed when Mr. Leiter returns from his Canadian skiing expedition, where he is now with the J. W. Y. Martins.

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